

Minutes of the Twenty-Sixth Convention

English Evangelical Lutheran

Synod of the Northwest

HELD IN

St. John's English Evangelical Lutheran Church

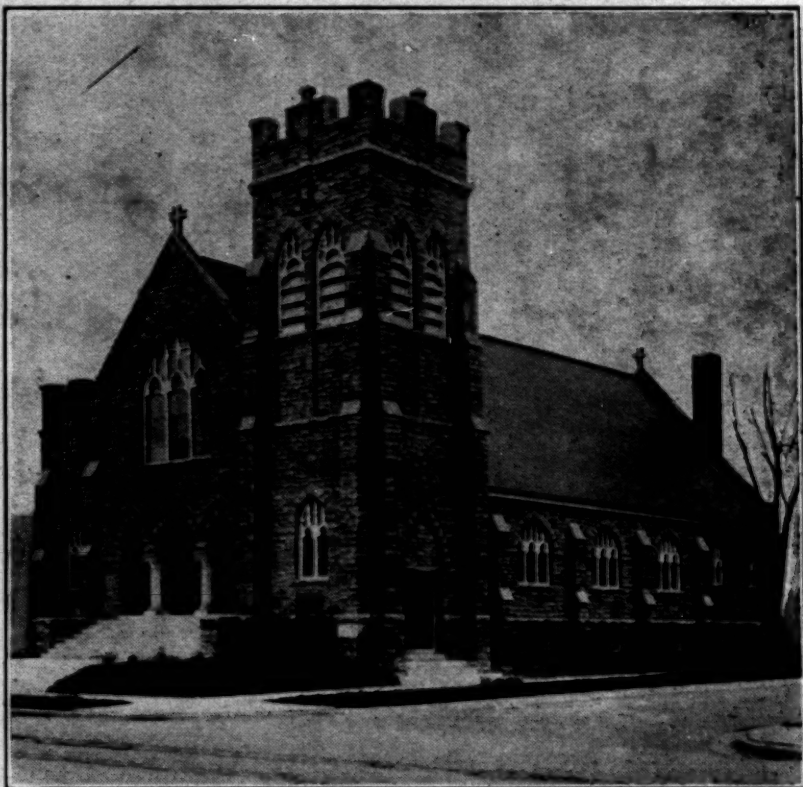
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REV. W. C. STUMP, Pastor



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Rev. W. C. Stump took charge October 8th, 1911, since which time rapid progress has been made. Ground was broken for the new Church April 9th, 1914. The cornerstone laid June 7th, 1914. Dedicated the new Church November 21st, 1915. Entertained Synod June 20-24, 1916.

MINUTES¹¹⁰³

OF THE

Twenty-Sixth Annual Convention

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Convention of "The English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest" was held in St. John's English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, the Rev. Wm. C. Stump, Pastor, commencing on Tuesday morning, June 20, 1916.

The program of Synod, including the recommendations of the Liturgical Committee and changes adopted during the Sessions, was as follows:

PROGRAM.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20TH.

10:00 a. m.—Confessional Service (in the basement), conducted by Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, Secretary of Synod, Milwaukee, Wis.

Synodical Sermon by Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph.D., President of Synod, Minneapolis, Minn.

2:00 p. m.—Formal Opening of Synod by the President.

Reports of the President and of the Treasurer, Mr. J. K. Jensen, Janesville, Wis.

Election of Officers.

3:30 p. m.—Committee Meetings.

8:00 p. m.—Service conducted by the Rev. W. F. Bacher, Fargo, N. Dak.

Addresses: "Home Missions," or Lutheranism in

- (a) Wisconsin, Rev. C. P. Weiskotten.
- (b) Minnesota, Rev. Luther B. Deck.
- (c) North Dakota, Rev. W. S. Ulrich.
- (d) Montana, Rev. W. A. Zundel.
- (e) Western Canada, Rev. P. E. Baisler.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21ST.

9:00 a. m.—Opening Service, conducted by the Rev. J. J. Clemens, Farmington, Minn.
Business Session.

2:00 p. m.—Service conducted by the Rev. Willis Beck, Zumbrota, Minn.
Business Session.

8:00 p. m.—CELEBRATION OF TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF SYNOD. Service conducted by the Rev. Dr. J. Sander, Lindstrom, Minnesota.

Addresses: OUR SYNOD'S

"Historic Landmarks," Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D.

"Historic Personnel," Rev. J. F. Beates.

"Inter-Church Position," Rev. L. F. Gruber.

"Future—A Prophecy," Dr. G. H. Gerberding.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22ND.

9:00 a. m.—Opening Service, conducted by the Rev. W. P. Christy, Minneapolis, Minn.
Business Session.

2:00 p. m.—Service conducted by the Rev. H. L. Bosserman, Minneapolis, Minn.
Business Session.

8:00 p. m.—ORDINATION SERVICE, conducted by the Officers of Synod. Sermon by the Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, D.D., St. Paul, Minn.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD.

9:00 a. m.—Opening Service, conducted by Rev. J. H. Dressler, Racine, Wisconsin.

2:00 p. m.—Service conducted by Rev. A. James Haupt, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Business Session.
Order for Closing of Synod (page 441).

FIRST SESSION

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 1916, 2 P. M.

After the singing of Hymn 246, the Convention was formally opened by the President of Synod according to the order prescribed in the Church Book.

The Roll of Ministers was called. The Credential Committee at this and later sessions reported credentials from lay-delegates as shown in the following roll of Synod. Including the ministers received at this session, the Roll of Synod stands as follows:

ROLL OF SYNOD

MINISTERS	Ordained	Entered Synod	LAY DELEGATES	PARISHES
1 G. H. Trabert, D.D.	1870	1898	Henry Rapp	Salem..... Minneapolis, Minn.
2 W. K. Frick, D.D.**	1873	1891	Henry Miller	Redeemer..... Milwaukee, Wis.
3 J. Sander, L. H. D.	1880	1910	Jas. Nelson*	Trinity..... Lindstrom, Minn.
4 A. J. D. Haupt, D. D.	1884	1891		
		1910		 St. Paul, Minn.
5 Jas. F. Baetes	1884	1909	E. T. Spangler*	Trinity..... St. Paul, Minn.
6 H. K. Gebhart	1889	1895	S. B. Peck*	Grace..... Kenosha, Wis.
7 W. F. Bacher	1889	1908	B. J. Holmes	St. Marks..... Fargo, N. D.
8 C. P. Weiskotten	1894	1911		Field Missionary, Milw'kee, Wis.
9 A. F. Elmquist, Ph.D.	1896	1905	J. Krafve	St. John's... Minneapolis, Minn.
10 J. J. Clemens	1896	1903		
		1915	B. E. Engren	Farmington... Lakeville, Minn.
11 J. S. Rumbarger**	1896	1915	B. F. Keller	Holy Trinity... La Crosse, Wis.
12 W. S. Ulrich	1899	1908		Field Missionary... Fargo, N. D.
13 F. E. Cooper**	1899	1912	W. O. Schilling	Lake Park... Milwaukee, Wis.
14 P. E. Baisler	1901	1901		Field Missionary, Winnipeg, Man.
15 Wm. Eckert**	1901	1905		Gen. Sec. Lu. Sem., Maywood, Ill.
16 L. F. Gruber**	1901	1908	H. E. Samuelson**	Reformation... St. Paul, Minn.
17 Willis Beck	1902	1905	Anton Johnson	Goodhue-Zumbrota Par., Minn.
18 P. W. Roth	1903	1912		Deac. M. H. & Hos., Milw., Wis.
19 W. P. Christy	1904	1904	Max E. Bruhn	St. Mark's... Minneapolis, Minn.
20 L. W. Steckel	1904	1909	W. H. Clement	Salem..... Albert Lea, Minn.
21 W. H. Gable	1905	1905	Emil Carlson	Trinity Church, Glenburn, N. D.
22 G. Keller Rubrecht	1905	1905	Geo. Hemsing**	Epiphany..... Milwaukee, Wis.
23 Howard E. Snyder**	1906	1916	A. C. Holscher	Madison-Middleton Parish, Wis.
24 Luther B. Deck	1908	1908		Field Missionary, Min'pls, Minn.
25 C. A. Naumann	1908	1913	F. C. Sattler	Reformation... Milwaukee, Wis.
26 W. A. Zundel	1908	1916		Field Mis'nary, Livingst'n, Mont.
27 A. J. Sommer	1909	1913	Martin Lampert	St. Paul's..... Neenah, Wis.
28 E. O. Hoffmeister	1910	1911	G. F. Ehrlinger	St. Peter's..... Janesville, Wis.
29 W. C. Stump	1910	1912	Fred Engle	St. John's..... Oshkosh, Wis.
30 H. L. Bosserman	1910	1915		Holy Communion, Mpls., Minn.
31 C. J. Rockey*	1911	1911		Redeemer... Minneapolis, Minn.
32 J. F. Fedders	1911	1912	Carl Mortenson	Holy Communion... Racine, Wis.
33 M. H. Wichmann	1912	1914	E. C. Johnson	First Eng., Cannon Fls., Minn.
34 A. O. Soholm	1912	1916	Otto E. Rydell*	Holy Trinity... Superior, Wis.
35 C. C. Roth*	1913	1913	O. H. Adler	St. Paul's..... Red Wing, Minn.
36 John S. Albert	1913	1913	Andrew Solberg*	Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, Minn.
37 F. R. Webber	1914	1914	Frank X. Burg**	First English... Platteville, Wis.
38 H. C. Rex	1914	1914	Edgar Johnson**	St. John's..... Duluth, Minn.
39 Chas. L. Grant**	1914	1914	O. Bergstrom**	St. Mark's-Faith, St. Paul, Minn.
40 E. T. Finck	1914	1914	G. Dobberstein	St. Paul's..... Waterloo, Wis.
41 J. H. Dressler	1916	1916	Nels Johnson**	Atonement..... Racine, Wis.
42 A. James Haupt	1916	1916	A. S. Peterson	Richfield, Ev. Lu., Richfield, M'n
43			Edward Waller	St. John's..... Stacey, Minn.
44			Fred Forrer	Resurrection... Milwaukee, Wis.
45			C. E. Gaskin	Holy Trinity... Marshall, Wis.
46			L. Krause	Atonement..... Beloit, Wis.
47			Victor Wittenburg	Advent..... Cedarburg, Wis.
48			Bernard J. Stecker**	Holy Trinity... Appleton, Wis.
49				Holy Trinity..... Afton, Wis.
50			G. B. Rasmussen	First Eng. Moorhead, Minn.
51				St. James'... Minneapolis, Minn.
52			John A. Hallberg*	First English, Winnipeg, Man.

*Excused from all sessions.

**Excused from some of the sessions.

See Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

THE ROLL SHOWS:

42 Ministers, 39 present.

40 Lay Delegates; 33 present

49 Congregations.

VISITING MINISTERS.

During the convention the following visitors were welcomed and accorded the privileges of the floor:

Rev. Luther Hogshead, Chicago, Ill., Western Superintendent of English Home Missions.

Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D., Superintendent of Slav Missions.

Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., LL.D., Maywood, Ill.

Rev. F. A. Schaffnit, Superintendent of the Evangelical Lutheran Inner Mission Society, Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. D. W. Ahl.

Rev. L. R. Schneider.

The printed program, prepared by the officers of Synod, was adopted as the official program of Synod and the hours for closing sessions were set at 12:00 M. and 5:00 P. M.

The President presented his official report as follows:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

It is indeed a great pleasure to convene in this new and magnificent Church. Oshkosh is the center of an intensely active and important part of the great Lutheran State of Wisconsin. The Fox River Valley including a territory as great as that of ancient Nile, is filled with the treasures of heaven, holds a commanding and advantageous location sloping gradually on to the Great Lake. Oshkosh has grown faster than any of its competitors and has gathered industries far and wide until it is the jewel of Butte Des Morts and the pearl of Winnebago. It is the very heart and center of the entire valley of the rich agricultural counties of Dodge, Fond du Lac, Winnebago, Outagamie. It is lavalier of the necklace of pearls, surrounding Lake Winnebago, made up of Green Bay, Appleton, Neenah, Fond du Lac, Menasha, Sheboygan and Manitowoc.

St. John's Congregation whose guests we are today had its beginning in 1907 when Rev. W. P. Christy, on authority of Eastern Conference, investigated the field early in February. After a thorough canvass by Rev. A. C. Anda, Western District Superintendent of Home Missions, assisted by Rev. Christy and Dr. Frick, the first public service was held May 5th, 1907, in Y. M. C. A. rooms. Dr. Frick became supply Pastor and for some time preached regularly every alternate Wednesday evening in the Good Templar's Hall. August 9th, 1907, Rev. C. B. Lindtved arrived as the first local Mission Pastor. September 27th, 1907, a mission was organized with thirty-seven charter members, which took the name of St. John's English Evangelical Lutheran Church in recognition of St. John's English Lutheran Church of Mount Pleasant, Pa., which had made a

donation as a nest egg for an English Lutheran Church at this city. April 30th, 1908, two lots purchased on the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Union Street. A frame dwelling standing on one of these lots was remodeled into a neat, churchly chapel with parsonage quarters upstairs. On August 6th, 1911 (Rev. Lindtved having resigned and accepted call to Jersey Shore, Pa.), the Congregation extended unanimous call to Rev. Wm. C. Stump of East Germantown, Ind. Rev. Stump accepted call and was on the field October 8th, 1911. Since that time to the present rapid strides of progress have been made. May first, 1913, the Congregation became self-sustaining. October 10th, 1913, lots were purchased for a new church. Plans were prepared by Architect Wm. Waters and contract let for erection of new church.

"Ground was broken April 9, 1914, for a new church building. The corner stone was laid June 7, 1914, with appropriate services by Dr. A. F. Elmquist, president of synod, and the Rev. F. E. Cooper, president of conference.

The congregation worshiped in the basement of the new building from Dec., 1914, until the dedication which took place Nov. 21, 1915.

The feast of dedication opened with three services on Sunday. A Sunday school service was held at 10 a. m. The consecration service took place at 2:30 p. m., which filled every sitting, and vesper service, with address by Rev. E. O. Hoffmeister, of Janesville, Wis., on "Making Melody," also well attended. The choir was vested for the first time. The dedicatory sermon by Dr. Frick, on 1 John 4:9-17, was a character sketch of St. John, the Divine, emphasizing the cardinal doctrines of his theology,—love (symbolized by the cross), faith (by the substantial foundation and walls), and hope (by the stately tower). Words of greeting were given by the Hon. J. H. Davidson, ex-Congressman; the Rev. A. J. Sommer, of St. Paul's, Neenah—also getting ready for dedication—Rev. E. O. Hoffmeister, the pastor's classmate at college and seminary, and the Rev. Luther Hogshead, Chicago, Western District Superintendent of Missions. Since then the progress and internal growth has been even greater than before.

At last meeting of Synod the Pastor and Church Council of St. John's Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, formally extended an invitation to the Synod of the Northwest to hold the 26th annual Convention in their new Church in June, 1916. In response to this invitation we are here today as Synod with representatives from practically all our Congregations throughout the length and breadth of this great Northwest.

"THE LUTHERAN" AND LUTHERAN LITERATURE.

As a missionary Synod we ought to be deeply interested in spreading *The Lutheran* in every home of Synod as a pleasant duty preparatory to the Quadri-Centennial celebration next year. Next to the preaching of the word of God itself no agent is so powerful to disseminate the principles of Christianity as the printing press. *The Lutheran* is our own Church paper, containing the official news of the Lutheran Church the world over. It also abounds with brief, pithy, live editorials, ser-

monettes and paragraphs. I would urgently recommend that before this year is over every Church Council would see to it that the *Lutheran*, *Home and Foreign Missionary* and *Woman's Worker* are found in every home in Synod. If no other method can be devised for spreading of this literature let the Church Councils set aside a sum of money sufficient to pay for one copy of each of these publications for each family, and have them sent directly to the respective homes. I would also recommend, out of justice to the writers and because of the incalculable amount of good that will come to our people by reading the same, that our Church Councils would likewise, this year, see to the spreading of two publications entitled "History of Lutheranism in Northwest," by Dr. Trabert and "Daily Readings from Luther," by Dr. J. Sander. These books are popular in style, easily read, filled with facts and edification.

QUADRI-CENTENNIAL.

Next year being the 400th anniversary of the great Lutheran Reformation, the success of which movement broke the tyrannous grasp of Roman hierarchy, set the mind of man free, circulated biblical truths with profusion and made possible the great work of our protestant denominations of today, it is proper for us as children of the great mother Church to observe with deepest reverence the beginnings of the Reformation movement. The General Council has taken proper recognition of this fact and has arranged for a joint Lutheran committee on Quadri-Centennial celebrations with headquarters at 925 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. This committee is prepared to give suggestions, literature and help in various ways to each and every Congregation that plans to celebrate. I would suggest that our Synod interest itself deeply in this celebration and in addition to local Congregational celebrations to have joint mass meetings, Jubilee meetings and pageants in such Lutheran centers as Milwaukee and Twin Cities at least. Each Pastor should, from now on to the end of this celebration, be a press-agent flooding the local press with news matter relative to the Quadri-Centennial. Sermons, lectures and addresses should constantly bear upon the work of the Reformation and wherever possible they should be carefully reported to the local press. Souvenirs, medals, buttons for Sunday Schools, Luther Leagues, Mission Organizations, Ladies' Aids and Men's Brotherhoods should be procured in time and liberally distributed and worn with spirit of pride in order to show to the world the fact of the Reformation. One denomination alone stands forth as protestant, par excellence, and that is the Lutheran. This mother Church of true protestantism the world over must arouse herself according to the Anglo-Saxon and American method, seize hold of the reins of the public press in order to educate public opinion. The Synod of Northwest holds a strategic place in the American Republic. It is powerful enough to make itself felt and if it only pushes itself to the front it will arouse wonder and surprise in the camps of others and bring light to the world unknown before. I would recommend that Sunday, September 24th, be set aside as the one great day, this year, the 25th anniversary of Synod, when every Pastor in Synod would pow-

erfully present to the Congregations the principles, life and activities of the Lutheran Church, and our Synod in particular.

OUR SEMINARY.

We are glad to report that Field Secretary, the Rev. Wm. Eckert, has canvassed our Synod in the interest of our \$50,000 endowment pledge, and that some \$22,905.09 have been subscribed by Congregations of our Synod. We hope, however, that the Secretary will continue his canvass until the entire sum pledged has been covered. In October, 1915, occurred the inauguration of President Elmer F. Krauss, D.D., and the installation of Professors Harry Bertram Reed, D.D., and Joseph Stump, D.D. We are indeed happy over the fact that a former Pastor of our Synod is President of our Seminary at Maywood and that two Professors beside him are former Pastors of our Synod. Rev. Wm. Eckert is also a member of our Synod. We are vitally interested in the welfare and success of this School of Prophets.

SYNODICAL EXTENSION FUND.

In addition to what is found in my last year's report on this subject, I desire to say that in order to simplify matters and to work in perfect harmony with the unification plan that our Synodical Lot Extension Fund should properly be turned over to the Home Mission Board to control and hold inviolate for use on our territory alone. We do not desire as a Missionary Synod to work against unification but rather for perfect harmony and mutual help. We request however that this fund be held for our territory alone. We feel also that the Home Mission Board would be willing to grant us this request particularly from the fact that they are stewards of a like fund for Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

SILVER JUBILEE OF SYNOD.

Wednesday evening will be given over to the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Synod. We shall then be permitted to hear of the wonderful works of this young body. I shall note here only a few historic facts. The Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D., was the first English Lutheran Home Missionary of the Northwest. In 1883 he organized St. John's Church, Minneapolis, and Memorial Church, St. Paul. Rev. Wm. K. Frick, D.D., commenced English Lutheran work in Milwaukee October 13th, 1889. In the year 1891 the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, issued the following call for organization of an English Evangelical Lutheran Synod: "Whereas, There are quite a number of English Lutheran congregations in Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota of different Synodical connections or wholly independent, and whereas, it is desirable that these congregations should be brought into closer working relations to one another; therefore, be it Resolved, That the Council of the Church of the Redeemer, of Milwaukee, hereby calls on the English Lutheran Churches of the General Council in the above named states,

through their pastors and church council, to take necessary steps for the holding of a convention with the General Council, and requests the Revs. A. J. D. Haupt of St. Paul, G. H. Gerberding of Fargo, and W. K. Frick of Milwaukee, to act as a committee to carry out the above resolution."

The Synod of the Northwest was formally organized in Memorial Church, St. Paul, September 23rd, 1891, and its first President was Rev. Professor G. H. Gerberding, D.D., LL.D.

Indeed our Synod had a very humble beginning, having only seven Pastors, six Congregations and 343 Communicant members. The Pastors were the following: W. K. Frick, G. H. Gerberding, H. L. McMurry, A. J. D. Haupt, W. L. Smith, A. Steimle and A. R. Leatherman.

The lay delegates were the following: Albert C. Behme, Paul Grohs, Bernt Johnson, H. W. Knauff, Henry Miller and J. G. Earhuff.

Congregations were the following: Redeemer, Milwaukee; St. Mark's, Fargo; St. John's, Duluth; Memorial, St. Paul; Trinity, St. Paul, and St. Mark's, North St. Paul.

Our Synod was admitted in full membership of the General Council at Convention held at Fort Wayne, Ind., 1893. It is now no longer the smallest Synod, which our present numbers and present annual apportionment report show.

Two of our Congregations have entertained the General Council, namely, Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, 1905, and Salem, Minneapolis, 1911. Our Synod has been called the small Synod with a big name. We are outgrowing the small part and retaining the long name. We are also covering a territory large enough to measure up to the size of our name. From Beloit, Wis., across the rich agricultural regions of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Manitoba and Saskatchewan up to the Peace River valley is a territory of agricultural possibilities greater than any other known to man. Sprinkled over this immense area are prosperous cities enjoying a substantial boom, filled with an industrious and religious class of people, the great majority of which is Lutheran. Such is our territory. We have started our work at strategic centers and from them we radiate in influence. Milwaukee is such a center; the Fox River valley is another center; the Twin Cities a third; Winnipeg a fourth; Fargo, the key to North Dakota, the fifth. Livingston, our fortress of Montana, is the sixth. The main purpose of this Synod is expressed in its very name, *English Evangelical*. To preach the word of God, the faith of the Fathers, in English, the language of the land, is the birthright of our Synod. This has been its burden for 25 years and will be for times to come.

BELOIT.

The situation of the Church of the Atonement, Beloit, is indeed most unfortunate. A long chain of circumstances has dragged this Congregation into the very gates of bankruptcy. Strenuous efforts have been made by the Officials of the Home Mission Board and our Synod to save Beloit. While voices have been heard coming over the Alleghany Mountains westward to let the Church go by default, sell its property to

the highest bidder, desecrate a sacred altar by turning it into a moving picture platform or anything whatsoever. These voices have been met up to the present by sincere friends of the Congregation. Just now there seems but one way possible for the saving of this Mission and this strategic center. The finances are in such condition that Synod ought to guarantee some \$1,800 to the Mission. On the basis of such a guarantee the Congregation will raise locally \$2,000 and Church Extension Society allow an additional \$3,000 and save the Church from the impending mortgage foreclosure. I would therefore recommend that some action be taken by Synod that would immediately relieve the situation at Beloit.

HOME MISSIONS.

A word of commendation is indeed in place. Our Synod has done marvelously well during the last year. The Home Mission Board has granted us during the year two additional Field Missionaries, the Rev. P. E. Baisler for Western Canada and Rev. W. A. Zundel for Montana, and in grateful response to the liberality of the Board we have overpaid our annual apportionment to Home Missions with over \$1,300. As a matter of information I include the following comparative statement:

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS ON APPORTIONMENTS.

May 1, 1915 - May 1, 1916.

	Apportioned.	Paid.	Deficit	Surplus.
Ministerium of Pa.....	\$40,000	\$29,051.26	\$10,948.74	.....
Ministerium of New York	1,000	488.41	511.59	.....
N. Y. and New England...	7,250	3,002.56	4,247.44	.....
Synod of Central Canada	800	1,061.32	.....	\$261.32
Pittsburgh Synod	10,300	6,429.11	3,870.89	.....
District Synod of Ohio....	6,000	4,898.05	1,101.95	.....
Chicago Synod	4,000	2,518.32	1,481.68	.....
Synod of the Northwest...	3,000	4,369.70	.....	1,369.70
Nova Scotia Synod.....	1,250	895.87	354.13	.....
Pacific Synod	700	179.07	520.93	.....
Totals	\$74,300	\$52,893.67	\$23,037.35	\$1,631.02

The Board at its spring meeting May 10th, passed the following:

"Resolved, That the Home Mission Board has been pleading ever since its existence for the full payment of the apportionment of the Synods of the General Council for English Home Missions. For the first time in our history two Synods have fully met their apportionment and these Synods do not possess the wealthiest membership. Amid the drain and confusion of the war and business depression, the Synod of Central Canada, in addition to special contributions to the theological seminary at Waterloo, has shown a devotion which should stimulate all our Synods to emulation.

"To the Synod of the Northwest we likewise extend our commendation."

Without any selfishness on the part of your President, permit me to mention that when I became President of Synod we had no Field Missionaries at all and my ambition and determination was to induce the Board to grant us an ample number. At the present time we have five, and for the first time in the history of our Synod we have passed over the \$4,000 mark for Home Mission contributions, and still we are only pioneers. I would recommend to Synod to urge upon the Home Mission Board most strenuously the appointment at its very next meeting of one more Field Missionary for the Fox River valley and upper Wisconsin. There are opportunities being lost every day in this territory because of lack of workers. The promising cities of Appleton, Marinette, Manitowoc, Ashland, Bayfield and Washburn, should be cared for. The Macedonian cry for English Lutheran preaching in these cities is louder than ever.

I would also strongly recommend the passing of a substantial endorsement and commendation of our untiring and self-sacrificing Missionaries on our territory. Brethren, yours is a noble work. While the regular Pastor waters and tills the garden of the Lord you are actually planting the seed. May you continue untiring in this fruitful work.

INSTALLATIONS.

June 16th, 1915, the Rev. J. J. S. Rumbarger was installed Pastor of Holy Trinity, La Crosse, Wis., by President of Synod.

July 18th, 1915, the Rev. J. J. Clemens was installed Pastor of Farmington and Lakeville Parish, by President of Synod.

December 3rd, 1915, the Rev. Wm. F. Bacher was installed Pastor of St. Mark's, Fargo, N. D., by President of Synod assisted by Field Missionary Rev. W. S. Ulrich.

December 12th, 1915, the Rev. H. C. Rex was installed Pastor of St. John's, Duluth, Minn., by Rev. James F. Beates, President of Central Conference.

June 4th, 1916, the Rev. F. R. Webber was installed Pastor of First English Lutheran Church, Platteville, Wis., by Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D.

June 7th, 1916, Rev. Wm. H. Gable was installed Pastor of Trinity English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Glenburn, N. D., by Field Missionary Rev. W. S. Ulrich.

ANNIVERSARIES.

June 6-7, 1915, Holy Trinity, Superior Wis., Rev. Wm. H. Gable, Pastor, celebrated tenth anniversary. Anniversary addresses by Revs. Willis Beck, G. Keller Rubrecht, W. F. Bacher and A. F. Elmquist. Historical sketch by Rev. W. H. Gable.

October 17th, 1915, St. John's, Duluth, Minn., Rev. Wm. F. Bacher, Pastor, celebrated twenty-fifth anniversary. Anniversary sermon by Dr. G. H. Traber, D.D.

January 29th, 1916, Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, Minn., Rev. J. S. Albert, Pastor, celebrated eleventh anniversary.

May 14th, 1916, Holy Trinity Church, Rev. James F. Beates, Pastor, St. Paul, Minnesota, celebrated a double anniversary. It was then 30 years since the first service was held in old Gymnasium Hall May 6th, 1886, and 7 years since the beginning of the present pastorate, May 16, 1909.

June 12th, 1916, Holy Communion, Racine, Wis., Rev. J. F. Fedders, Pastor, celebrated fifth anniversary of Ordination.

June 18th, 1916, Trinity English Lutheran Church, Lindstrom, Minn., Rev. Dr. J. Sander, Pastor, celebrated fifteenth anniversary. Special sermon by Rev. James F. Beates, President of Central Conference.

PASTORAL CHANGES.

August 9th, 1915, Rev. Wm. F. Bacher resigned St. John's, Duluth, Minn., to accept St. Mark's, Fargo, N. D.

September 22d, 1915, Rev. Wm. F. Rex resigned Atonement, Racine, Wis., to accept call within bounds of Synod of Northern Illinois. Left Racine October 4th.

November 10th, 1915, Rev. F. R. Webber resigned Atonement, Beloit, Wis., to accept First Church, Platteville, Wis.

May 1st, 1916, Rev. P. E. Baisler resigned First Church, Winnipeg, to become Field Missionary for Western Canada.

January 4th, 1916, Rev. Howard E. Gold resigned Madison-Middleton, to become Executive Secretary of Quadri-Centennial Joint Committee, Philadelphia, Pa.

March 5th, 1916, Rev. Wm. H. Gable resigned Holy Trinity, Superior, Wis., to accept Trinity English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Glenburn, N. D.

Rev. M. H. Wichman resigned Advent, Cedarburg, Wis., to accept call to Cannon Falls, Minn.

Student Carl H. Bartsch, Mount Airy Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., has accepted call to First Church, Winnipeg, and will be ordained this week by Pittsburgh Synod. Intends to take charge of First Church, Winnipeg August 1st.

Letters of Transfer have been issued during the year to Rev. Wm. F. Rex to unite with Synod of Northern Illinois (General Synod); to Rev. H. R. Gold to unite with Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

I. PASTORS. We are pleased at this Convention to have applications for admission into Synod of the following Pastors: Rev. Howard E. Snyder from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York and New England, having accepted call to Madison, Wis.; Rev. Wm. A. Zundel from Pittsburgh Synod, having accepted call to Montana as Field Missionary; Rev. A. O. Soholm from the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Synod, having accepted a unanimous call to Trinity English Lutheran Church, Superior, Wis. Student Jonas H. Dressler, 1916 graduate of the Chicago

Lutheran Seminary, having accepted call to Church of Atonement, Racine, Wis., applies for ordination. Student A. James Haupt also of class of 1916, Chicago Lutheran Seminary, and son of a former President of this Synod, Dr. A. J. D. Haupt, having accepted call to Richfield English Lutheran Church, 58th Street and Pillsbury Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn., applies for ordination.

II. CONGREGATIONS. Trinity English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Glenburn, N. D., organized December 9th, 1915, under direction of Rev. W. S. Ulrich, Field Missionary for North Dakota. St. James Mission, 43rd Street and Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn., organized by Rev. Luther B. Deck, Field Missionary of Minnesota. First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Moorehead, Minn., organized December 13th, 1915, by Rev. W. S. Ulrich, Field Missionary for North Dakota.

LAYING OF CORNER STONES.

July 11th, 1915, Corner Stone of St. Paul's English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Neenah, Wis., was laid by President of Synod. Addresses were delivered on the occasion by Rev. Luther Hogshead, Western District Superintendent of Missions; Rev. A. J. Sommer, Pastor of St. Paul's Church; Rev. Dr. G. H. Gerberding; ex-Governor John Strange and President of Synod.

December 26th, 1915, Corner Stone of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, was laid by President of Synod, assisted by Pastors of the Twin Cities who gave brief addresses.

November 1st, 1915, ground was broken for new English Lutheran Church of Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis., at southwest corner of Nineteenth Street and Grand Avenue. This was a unique celebration from the fact that Dr. Frick, Pastor of the Church, turned the first spadeful of earth and after him nearly 100 children from the Sunday School, one after another, performed the same act. The corner stone was laid December 5th, by Dr. W. K. Frick.

DEDICATIONS.

November 21st, 1915, St. John's English Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, Wis., was dedicated by the Pastor, Rev. Wm. C. Stump; Dr. W. K. Frick delivered the sermon.

December 5th, 1915, Richfield Evangelical Lutheran Church, 58th Street and Pillsbury Avenue, Minneapolis, was dedicated by the Rev. J. F. Beates, President of Central Conference, assisted by Pastors of the Twin Cities.

May 21st, 1916, St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, Neenah, Wis., was dedicated. Consecration sermon preached at 10:30 by Rev. F. E. Cooper of Lake Park Church, Milwaukee. Consecration Act performed by Rev. A. J. Sommer, Pastor of St. Paul's Church. The vested choir from St. John's Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, Wis., led in singing of processional hymn at afternoon service. The Rev. Luther Hogshead delivered an address. In the evening Rev. John H. Becker of Fond

Du Lac delivered discourse on "Eventful Hours of Life." Rev. J. F. Fedders of Holy Communion, Racine, Wis., delivered address Monday evening. Wednesday evening President of Synod addressed the Congregation.

June 11th, 1916, Faith English Lutheran Church, corner Charles Street and Mackubin, St. Paul, Minn., Rev. Charles L. Grant, Pastor, was dedicated. The Rev. Luther B. Deck, Field Missionary for Minnesota, delivered special sermon in morning service. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock, dedicatory service was held when all Pastors of our Synod of the Twin Cities were present. The Church was set aside for its holy purposes by President of Synod and the following addresses were given: "Beginnings," by Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D., the first English Lutheran Missionary to the Northwest; "Relation of Church to Synod," by Dr. A. F. Elmquist, President of Synod of the Northwest; "The Lutheran Church a Conservative Church," by Rev. James F. Beates, President of Central Conference; "The Lutheran Church, a Liberal Church," by Rev. L. F. Gruber, Church of Reformation, St. Paul; and "Giving," by Rev. L. B. Deck, Twin City English Lutheran Field Missionary. The festivities of the Congregation continued during the entire week. Tuesday evening the Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, D. D., Director of Social Service, St. Paul, delivered an address on "The Sanctuary and the Service." Friday evening (Home-coming Night), addresses were delivered by Revs. W. P. Christy, J. S. Albert and H. L. Bosserman.

STATE OF CHURCHES.

From reports received of Congregations all have experienced a substantial growth. The efficiency of each Congregation as a working force has been greatly increased. It is indeed a pleasure to note the healthy condition of all our Churches.

Salem, Minneapolis, has conducted an Every Member Canvass with good results. Repairs on Church and Parsonage; general progress.

Church of Redeemer, Milwaukee. Every Member Canvass with results of increase of pledges of over \$1,500. Work on new building progressing rapidly.

Trinity, Lindstrom, reduced indebtedness of Congregation by \$500. Dr. J. Sander, Pastor, also visiting and preaching at Amador, Minn., and conducting a Sunday School, with about 40 children enrolled.

Holy Trinity, St. Paul, overpaid some \$250 on their benevolence as result of duplex envelope system. Distributes gratis 50 copies of *Home Missionary* and 25 copies of *Foreign Missionary*. Ladies' Aid paid for beautiful memorial window in loving memory of Mrs. James F. Beates, President of Society, whom the Lord on the 18th day of September, 1915, called from the activities and struggles of this life to peace and joy of heaven.

Reformation, St. Paul, is pushing ahead with unusual energy. The

old Memorial and St. James are being welded together and perfect unity and harmony prevails in every department.

Grace, Kenosha. Every Member Canvass is an annual occurrence, held second Sunday in November. Results have been: an increased attendance in regular service; a large increase in contributions for current expense; a sufficient increase from duplex envelope system to meet apportionment in full; an increased interest on part of men in affairs of the church. Canvass for spread of *Lutheran* was made in May. Five hundred dollars during the year paid on the Church debt. Catechumens instructed, 70; confirmed, 34.

St. John's, Duluth. Every Member Canvass made with good results.

St. John's, Minneapolis. Every Member Canvass, the first one in history of the Congregation, held May 28th. It was indeed a success from every point of view. Increased Pastor's salary \$300; granted Pastor three months' vacation with full pay.

Lake Park, Milwaukee, has become self-supporting during year.

First Church, Winnipeg, has held its own notwithstanding the fact that some 50,000 people have left Winnipeg since beginning of war, some thirty men connected with our work have enlisted in the army, among them twelve boys confirmed by Pastor Baisler. Have had Every Member Canvass with fair result. Spreading Lutheran literature quite extensively. Luther League purchased a piano for Sunday School rooms. Ladies' Aid taken a membership in Church Extension Society.

St. Mark's, Minneapolis, completed its beautiful and spacious parsonage. Have had Every Member Canvass with good results. Will improve and repair Church property during this summer.

Atonement, Racine, has had Every Member Canvass with gratifying results. A canvass of Congregation made in interest of *Lutheran* with sixteen new subscriptions as result.

Holy Trinity, La Crosse. Eight hundred seventy-five dollars has been paid on the indebtedness of Congregation. Piano purchased by Sunday School. A Young People's Society of forty-two organized. Mr. W. Jossten, a warm friend of Holy Trinity, as also of our English work in the Northwest, though member of German Lutheran Church of this city, remembered Chicago Seminary in his will to the amount of \$500, which was paid the Seminary on or about March 1st.

Salem, Albert Lea. Usual progress along all lines without much noise and machinery. Easter offering was double of any amount previously paid on altar. Pastor still visiting and preaching at Conger and Alden, at which places Pastor Steckel has raised funds in order to secure services at these two points of Student W. Clement.

Holy Trinity, Superior. Have had Every Member Canvass with fair result.

Luther Memorial, Madison, conducted Every Member Canvass with satisfactory result.

Reformation, Milwaukee, increased Pastor's salary \$300. Conducted Every Member Canvass February 13th; \$3,000 raised toward floating indebtedness. Decorated and beautified the Church interior at cost of \$1,800.

St. Paul's, Neenah. Have had Every Member Canvass with good result. This Mission has had wonderful and rapid development since advent of present Pastor, who is first regular Pastor of the Congregation. The membership today is about 144. A beautiful and costly edifice located in the very heart of the two cities, Neenah-Menasha, has been erected. The cost of the property is about \$24,500.

St. Peter's, Janesville. Salary of Pastor increased. Liquidated debt by five years' subscription of \$7,010, while debt itself was only \$6,600. Purchased property next to Church for \$2,300. Raised \$8,225 for Chicago Seminary endowment.

St. John's, Oshkosh. Have had Every Member Canvass. Moved into new and costly building. Entertains Synod at twenty-sixth annual convention.

Holy Communion, Minneapolis. Renovated and improved Church building at cost of \$1,800. Church decorated inside and out, new wooden floor in basement, pulpit, altar, altar-top, chancel railing, chancel chairs, pews, etc.

Holy Communion, Racine. Have had Every Member Canvass with result of straight weekly average contribution per communicant member of 22 cents. Increased Pastor's salary \$300. A very successful year all round. Holy Communion has record of best attendance at divine service of any English Protestant Church in Racine. Entertains state Luther League next August. Pastor in addition to his own congregational work looked after spiritual interests of Church of Atonement during its vacancy.

St. Paul's, Red Wing. Between \$400 and \$500 raised for local improvement. Is to have Every Member Canvass this fall. Easter communion was largest in history of Church.

Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, has had Every Member Canvass with encouraging result. Installed new pews; painted exterior of the Church; efforts being made to raise balance on mortgage this year.

First English, Platteville. Interior greatly improved, redecorated, indirect lighting system put in, very fine altar painting and an arch over the chancel added. Largely through efforts of Ladies' Aid, which contributed nearly \$400 toward these improvements. Church and Sunday School in flourishing condition. Sunday School makes big gain in benevolence. Women's societies show gain of over 300 per cent in benevolence and 400 per cent in local expenses. Aid and Missionary societies both in

flourishing conditions. Financial condition in all departments good. Church debt practically all paid. Two-day Easter musical festival given. Chorus of forty voices, under direction of Mr. Wm. Tiedemann, stirred all Platteville; pronounced best musical effort in recent years in Platteville.

St. Mark's, North St. Paul. Held Every Member Canvass; result: able to pay apportionment monthly and to contribute to special Mission work. Raised Pastor's salary. Installed a small two-manual Lyon & Healy cathedral organ for which Andrew Carnegie paid one-half. Efforts made to secure parsonage.

Faith, St. Paul. Every Member Canvass has been made. Apportionment paid in full. Erected new \$10,000 Church.

St. Paul's, Waterloo. Increased Pastor's salary \$200. Entertained Wisconsin Conference at fall convention October 11-14. Purchased lot one-half block south of Church on which the Congregation intends to erect parsonage during this summer.

Richfield, Richfield, has arranged as per budget expense to place the Lutheran, Home Missionary, Foreign Missionary and Mission Worker in every home in Congregation; paying for the same in monthly installments. Every Member Canvass held with most encouraging result.

Lakeville, Farmington. Statistical reports will show progress being made in this new parish. Contributions per member averaged 21 per cent. Property has been bought by St. John's, Lakeville, and parsonage being built thereon, is expected to be ready for occupancy in August.

Summer Sunday School has been started at Crystal Lake, about six miles northwest of Lakeville.

Mission meetings are being arranged for, to be held in both congregations in July.

FOREIGN MISSION EMERGENCY FUND.

In an APPEAL from the Foreign Mission Boards we read the following:

"All German missionaries have been removed from their loved and successful work in India. Those over forty-five years of age have been sent back to Germany; and those under forty-five years of age, who are subject to military duty, have been interned as prisoners of war.

"By this fell stroke four great Lutheran Missions were rendered shepherdless. The Lutheran missionaries, whose citizenship is in neutral countries, realized that if these great missions were to be saved for our Lutheran Church, they must assume the responsibility for the control and conduct of their work until the great war is ended. With the hearty approval and full authority of the Boards involved, they took charge of the missions as follows:

"The Leipzig Mission, to be superintended by the Church of Sweden Mission.

"The Hermannsburg Mission, to be superintended by the Joint Synod of Ohio.

"The Breklum Mission, to be superintended by the General Council.
"The Gossner Mission, to be superintended by the General Synod."

I would most urgently recommend that Synod assume a special assessment in order to help save the Missions in India for our Lutheran Church.

A REMINDER.

Again I would most earnestly remind the lay delegates here representing the various congregations of Synod of former recommendations along the line of increase in pastor's salary and office supplies. Fifteen hundred dollars should be the least paid any pastor in Synod at present time. Kind friends, remember the hard working, self-sacrificing, underpaid pastor who cannot go on a strike and is too modest to ask for a raise.

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

"For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by thanksgivings unto God." 2 Cor. 9:6, 12.

THE SHADOW OF SICKNESS AND DEATH.

On September 18th, 1915, occurred the passing of Mrs. J. F. Beates, beloved wife of Rev. J. F. Beates, President of Central Conference, from the trials, struggles and labors of this earthly life to the rest, peace and joy of heaven. The departed wife had been very active in Church, Ladies' Aid, Women's Home Missionary Society and in the general work of the Church. Hers was a life of sacrifice for the good of others. Her life was filled to overflowing with unselfish love and heroic service. The beauties of holiness, peace and harmony radiated from her in Church and home.

Rev. Frank Warren Klingensmith, born in Kittanning, Pa., May 6th, 1868, died at Livingston, Mont., May 5, 1916. He served as pastor of Church of Redeemer, Utica, N. Y., from 1893-1907, when his health broke down and he went to Denver, Col. In 1908 he took charge of our Mission, the Church of the Redeemer, Livingston, Mont. With great sacrifice and heroic faith, he gathered funds for erection of beautiful Church at Livingston to be a citadel of English Lutheranism in the great empire State of Montana. He labored heroically until the very end of his life. He was a man of lofty ideas, high Christian character, attractive and magnetic personality, modest in all his claims; a scholar of more than ordinary attainments, a loving and devoted husband and father. His death is also a loss to our Lutheran Church at large and to our Synod in particular.

May the comfort of all merciful God fill the hearts and homes of the bereaved ones.

Severe and prolonged sickness has kept the Rev. C. J. Rockey away from his pulpit for months. At present the good Brother is recuperating in a rural place in Ohio. Our good friend, the Rev. Dr. Frick, has also

been forced by sickness to take a few weeks' vacation, but is again with us, rested, strengthened and filled with usual vitality and ambition to do work for the Lord. Rev. C. P. Weiskotten, Field Missionary for Milwaukee, has suffered for months with rheumatism, is, however, at present in active service again. We hope and pray the good Lord will give strength and perfect health to Brothers Frick, Rockey and Weiskotten.

And now may the Lord of the great harvest be with us and grant us a profitable and blessed Convention.

Yours very cordially in the Master's Service,

A. F. ELMQUIST,

President of Synod.

OSHKOSH, WIS., JUNE 20, 1916.

The report was referred to the Committee on President's Report.

Mr. J. K. Jensen presented the

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

In account with the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

MAY 1, 1915, TO MAY 1, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

Advent, Cedarburg	\$ 84.95
Atonement, Beloit	11.08
Atonement, Racine	125.00
Epiphany, Milwaukee	677.46
Evangelical Lutheran, Richfield	63.27
Faith, St. Paul	116.24
First, Cannon Falls	6.53
First, Middleton	38.43
First, Moorhead	20.00
First, Platteville	134.91
First, Winnipeg	182.10
Grace, Kenosha	231.67
Holy Communion, Minneapolis	203.42
Holy Communion, Racine	916.26
Trinity, Appleton	8.09
Holy Trinity, La Crosse	237.82
Holy Trinity, Marshall	
Holy Trinity, Minneapolis	265.27
Holy Trinity, St. Paul	379.58
Holy Trinity, Superior	121.11
Lake Park, Milwaukee	215.39
Luther Memorial, Madison	197.80

Mission, Milwaukee	2.35
Redeemer, Livingston	
Redeemer, Milwaukee	769.03
Redeemer, Minneapolis	232.48
Redeemer, Zumbrota	46.00
Reformation, Milwaukee	548.00
Reformation, St. Paul	455.10
Resurrection, Milwaukee	56.99
Salem, Albert Lea	178.21
Salem, Minneapolis	609.51
St. John's, Duluth	30.00
St. John's, Lakeville	87.18
St. John's, Minneapolis	671.38
St. John's, Oshkosh	134.26
St. John's, Stacy	59.66
St. Luke's, Farmington	55.99
St. Luke's, Goodhue	139.00
St. Mark's, Fargo	321.52
St. Mark's, Minneapolis	400.00
St. Mark's, North St. Paul	116.24
St. Paul's, Neenah	64.35
St. Paul's, Red Wing	283.41
St. Paul's, Waterloo	90.00
St. Peter's, Janesville	319.13
Trinity, Lindstrom	144.79
Women's Home and Foreign Miss. Soc., Central Conf.....	504.00
Women's Home and Foreign Miss. Soc., Wisconsin Conf.....	300.00

\$10,854.96

From St. John's, Stacy, on note.....	\$ 120.00
From Le Roy Nielson, interest on notes.....	30.27
Balance 1915 Current Expense Fund.....	241.59
Balance 1915 Delegates' Traveling Expense Fund.....	275.24
Balance 1915 Ministerial Education Fund.....	306.74
Balance 1915 Notes Receivable.....	180.00

Total \$12,008.80

DISBURSEMENTS.

Current Expenses	\$ 521.31
Delegates' Traveling Expenses	157.39
Chicago Seminary	1,399.18
Ministerial Education	225.00
Luther Memorial, Madison	385.40
General Council English Home Missions.....	3,861.11
General Council Foreign Missions.....	1,488.22
General Council Porto Rico Missions	581.06

General Council Slav Missions	230.94
Inner Missions	170.95
General Council Jewish Missions	132.17
General Council German Home Missions	92.54
Church Extension	911.05
General Council University Students' Work	447.24
Orphans, Zelenople	61.78
Reading Room for High Caste Men	100.00

\$10,765.34

Balance Current Expense Fund	\$ 319.01
Balance Delegates' Traveling Expense Fund	354.44
Balance Ministerial Education Fund	260.61
Balance Notes Receivable	300.00
Balance Church Extension Lot Fund	9.40

Total\$12,008.80

DETAILED STATEMENT SYNODICAL CURRENT EXPENSES.

RECEIPTS.

Old Balance	\$241.59
Total Receipts	598.73
	\$840.32

DISBURSEMENTS.

President's Expenses	\$ 60.33
Secretary, Salary and Expenses	22.67
Treasurer, Postage for four years	20.00
Traveling Expenses Executive Committee	15.92
Traveling Expenses Delegates to General Council	44.47
Traveling Expenses Various Committees	70.55
Printing, etc.	275.38
Stenographer	10.00
Telegrams	1.99
Balance	319.01
	\$840.32

DETAILED STATEMENT SYNODICAL DELEGATES' TRAVELING EXPENSES.

RECEIPTS.

Old Balance	\$275.24
Epiphany, Milwaukee	23.31
Evangelical Lutheran, Richfield	2.52

Faith, St. Paul	5.04
First, Middleton	2.52
Holy Communion, Minneapolis	8.82
Holy Communion, Racine	40.15
Holy Trinity, La Crosse	4.39
Holy Trinity, Minneapolis	11.02
Holy Trinity, St. Paul	14.42
Holy Trinity, Superior	1.59
Redeemer, Minneapolis	10.08
Redeemer, Zumbrota	5.04
Reformation, St. Paul	25.32
Salem, Minneapolis	25.95
St. John's, Lakeville	3.78
St. John's, Stacy	1.28
St. Luke's, Farmington	.40
St. Mark's, Fargo	8.90
St. Mark's, Minneapolis	19.78
St. Mark's, North St. Paul	5.04
St. Paul's, Red Wing	10.65
Trinity, Lindstrom	6.59

\$511.83

DISBURSEMENTS.

Advent, Cedarburg	\$ 9.33
Atonement, Racine	14.53
First, Plateville	14.97
First, Winnipeg	14.33
Grace, Kenosha	3.14
Lake Park, Milwaukee	4.43
Luther Memorial, Madison	16.12
Redeemer, Milwaukee	.15
Reformation, Milwaukee	3.56
Resurrection, Milwaukee	24.66
Salem, Albert Lea	.53
St. John's, Oshkosh	15.21
St. Luke's, Goodhue	.86
St. Paul's, Neenah	18.34
St. Paul's, Waterloo	4.78
St. Peter's, Janesville	12.45
Balance	354.44

\$511.83

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. JENSEN,

Treasurer.

OSHKOSH, WIS., JUNE 20, 1916.

The report was accepted and referred to the Auditing Committee.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF CONGREGATIONS' CONTRIBUTIONS 1915-1916

NAME	Current Expenses	Delegates Traveling Expenses	Chicago Seminary	Ministerial Education	Luther Memorial, Madison	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Porto Rico Missions	Slav Missions	Inner Missions	Jewish Missions	German Home Missions	Church Extension	University Students Work	Miscellaneous	Totals
St. John's, Minneapolis	\$36.25	\$25.32	\$115.48	\$12.76	\$32.23	\$224.25	\$83.25	\$32.23	\$16.11	\$12.76	\$9.40	\$6.71	\$57.73	\$32.22		\$971.38
Reformation, St. Paul	30.17	17.19	76.00	10.61	15.28	129.28	62.00	20.00	13.41	6.05	7.82	5.59	48.08	26.82		455.10
Holy Trinity, St. Paul	17.78	10.65	75.20	6.05	15.28	106.31	39.47	15.28	7.64	6.05	4.46	3.18	44.37	15.28	\$9.40	379.58
St. Paul's, Red Wing	17.78	10.65	75.20	6.05	15.28	106.31	39.47	15.28	7.64	6.05	4.46	3.18	44.37	15.28		283.41
Salem, Minneapolis	30.92	25.95	98.50	10.88	27.49	191.28	82.00	27.49	13.74	10.88	8.02	5.73	49.25	27.38		609.51
St. John's, Duluth	6.00	5.04	19.13	2.11	5.34	37.14	13.79	14.90	2.67	2.11	1.56	1.11		5.34		116.24
St. Mark's, North St. Paul	7.50		23.91	2.64	6.67	46.43	17.24	6.67	3.34	2.64	1.95	1.39	11.95	6.67		139.00
St. Luke's, Goodhue	6.53															6.53
First, Cannon Falls	6.00	5.04	6.38	7.0	1.78	12.35	4.59	1.78	.89	.70	.52	.37	3.15	1.75		46.00
Redeemer, Zumbrota	12.39	6.59	5.00	4.36		68.60	28.44	11.01	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	3.40	2.80		144.79
Trinity, Lindstrom	3.15	1.28	10.04	1.11	2.80	19.50	7.24	2.80	1.40	1.11	.82	.59	5.02	2.80		59.66
St. John's, Stacy	23.57	19.78	18.83	8.29	20.95	145.78	54.12	20.95	10.48	8.29	6.11	4.36	37.54	20.95		400.00
St. Mark's, Minneapolis	13.14	11.02	41.84	4.62	11.68	81.24	30.16	11.68	5.84	4.62	3.40	2.43	20.92	11.68	11.00	265.27
Holy Trinity, Minneapolis	9.38		29.89	3.30	8.34	58.03	21.55	8.34	4.17	3.30	2.43	1.74	14.94	8.34	4.46	178.21
Salem, Albert Lea	10.51	8.82	33.47	3.70	9.34	65.00	24.13	9.34	4.67	3.70	2.72	1.95	16.73	9.34		203.42
Holy Communion, Minneapolis	12.01	10.08	38.25	4.22	10.68	74.28	27.58	10.68	5.34	2.11	1.17	2.67	9.56	5.34		232.48
Faith, St. Paul	6.00	5.04	19.13	2.11	5.34	37.14	13.79	5.34	2.67	2.11	1.17	.83	7.17	4.00		116.24
St. John's, Lakeville	4.50	3.78	14.35	1.59	4.00	27.86	10.34	4.00	2.00	1.59	1.17	.56	4.78	2.66		87.18
St. Luke's, Farmington	3.00	2.40	9.56	1.06	2.67	18.57	6.89	2.67	1.33	1.06	.78	.56	4.78	2.67		55.99
Evangelical, Richfield	3.00	2.52		1.06	2.67	23.28	6.89	3.11	1.33	1.06	.78	.56	4.78	2.67		63.27
First, Moorhead	32.28		102.80	11.36	28.69	199.65	104.11	38.69	24.34	11.36	8.37	5.98	51.40	50.00	100.00	769.03
Redeemer, Milwaukee	36.70	40.15	116.91	12.91	31.53	227.02	166.25	64.16	15.90	25.65	18.98	13.17	115.40	31.53		916.26
Holy Communion, Racine	12.46	4.39	39.69	4.38	11.08	77.06	28.61	11.08	5.54	4.38	3.23		24.84	11.08		237.82
Holy Trinity, La Crosse	24.41			4.97	12.54	87.28	32.41	17.54	6.27	4.97	3.66	2.61	22.47	12.54		231.67
Grace, Kenosha	10.81		11.00	1.22	3.07	38.22	13.48	6.40	4.90	3.80	.90	1.27	26.76	3.08		134.91
First, Platteville	15.76		50.21	5.55	14.01	97.49	36.20	14.01	7.01	5.55	4.08	2.92	31.01	14.01	21.32	319.13
St. Peter's, Janesville	5.93					69.58							9.44			84.95
Advent, Cedarburg	36.40	23.31	95.95	12.81	32.36	225.17	83.59	32.36	16.18	12.81	9.44	6.74	57.98	32.36		677.46
Epiphany, Milwaukee						7.03	4.05									11.08
Atonement, Beloit						54.78	10.78	5.00	2.00		2.00		14.10	4.00		121.11
Holy Trinity, Superior	8.86	1.59	18.00	3.17	8.01	55.71	50.68	8.01	4.00	3.17	2.34	1.67	14.34	8.01		197.80
Luther Memorial, Madison	10.00		28.69													90.00
St. Paul's, Waterville	11.35		17.69	1.95	4.94	34.37	12.75			1.95				5.00		134.26
St. John's, Oshkosh	9.38		29.89	3.30	1.12	58.03	5.00	2.00	4.17	1.00	2.43	1.00	14.94	2.00		548.00
Reformation, Milwaukee	28.22		89.90	9.94	25.08	174.58	64.82	25.08	12.88	9.94	7.32	5.22	44.94	25.08	25.00	38.43
First, Middleton	3.00	2.52	9.56			18.57							9.00			125.00
Atonement, Racine	17.34		24.66	2.15	5.25	37.50	12.00	5.00	2.50	2.10	1.50	1.00		5.00		

Lake Park, Milwaukee	10.96		34.91	3.86	9.74	67.78	37.61	9.74	4.87	3.86	2.84	2.03	17.45	9.74		215.39
St. Paul's, Neenah	2.15		10.00			27.86	10.34	4.00	2.00			.83	7.17			64.35
Holy Trinity, Marshall																
Resurrection, Milwaukee	3.08		9.80	1.08	2.74	19.03	10.37	2.74	1.37	1.08	.80	.57	1.59	2.74		56.99
Mission, Milwaukee							2.35									2.35
Trinity, Appleton	1.13					6.96										8.09
St. Mark's, Fargo	22.50	8.90	25.00	7.92		139.29	51.72	10.00	5.00				35.85	15.34		321.52
Redeemer, Livingston																
First, Winnipeg	6.75		40.00	4.87	12.17	41.79	31.78	12.17	6.08	4.87	3.61	1.25	10.76	6.00		182.10
W. H. & F. M. S. C. Conf.						300.00	115.00	89.00								504.00
W. H. & F. M. S. W. Conf.						300.00										300.00
Totals	\$568.46	\$236.59	\$1399.18	\$178.87	\$385.40	\$3861.11	\$1488.22	\$581.06	\$230.94	\$170.95	\$132.17	\$92.54	\$911.05	\$447.24	\$171.18	\$10854.96

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The President appointed as tellers the Rev. W. S. Ulrich and Mr. Bernard J. Stecher.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—REV. A. F. ELMQUIST, Ph.D.

Secretary—REV. L. W. STECKEL.

Treasurer—MR. J. K. JENSEN.

During the counting of ballots, the Rev. F. A. Schaffnit, Supt. of the Lutheran Inner Mission Society of Minneapolis, Minn., addressed Synod.

The Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., presented the

**REPORT OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE ON
HOME FINDING ASSOCIATION FOR THE
WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.**

Referring to our report in the Minutes of 1915, page 67, we would say, that, owing to a variety of circumstances, nothing further has been done during the year past, but the Milwaukee members are feeling their way towards a solution of this and other inner mission problems in connection with the interesting and helpful experiment work of Sister Louise Strey, carried on in several congregations represented in the Milwaukee Pastoral Association, as detailed in the Rev. Mr. Roth's Report on the Milwaukee Deaconess Motherhouse.

W. K. FRICK,

Chairman.

G. K. RUBRECHT,

Secretary.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. P. W. Roth presented the

**REPORT OF THE SYNOD'S REPRESENTATIVE AT
THE LUTHERAN DEACONESS MOTHER-
HOUSE, MILWAUKEE, WIS.**

DEAR BRETHREN:—The year has passed quietly and with many evidences of the favor of God. Our Motherhouse now has fifty-one Sisters actively engaged in the work. Six young women were invested with the Deaconess garb and enrolled as Probationers on Good Friday. The feature of the year's activities that will interest you most is the work of the Visiting Sister or Parish Deaconess who has been ministering among the poor and afflicted whose names were reported by members of the

Milwaukee Lutheran Pastoral Association. Last fall Rector Fritschel announced before that organization that Sister Louise Strey would be available for such cases as the pastors might report. A continual visitation has been carried on in forty-six homes, comprising one hundred and eighty-five individuals. Of these but twelve are not dependent on charity of one kind or another. That is to say, the work has been almost exclusively among the very poor. A total of 582 calls were made between Sept. 21, 1915, and May 1, 1916. Help has been given in various ways: nursing, assistance with household duties, sewing, cooking, etc. Clothing and shoes were distributed among 87 individuals. Several utterly destitute families were kept in clothing and shoes until their affairs mended so that they could provide for themselves. Sixteen families received food from time to time. Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets were sent to all who were in need. For some families aid was secured from the County Poor Office, Associated Charities, Health Department, Visiting Nurses Association and other charitable organizations. The following moneys were received from the sources designated:

Lake Park Church	\$23.45
Church of the Redeemer	13.40
Mrs. Wm. Knaack	1.00
Mrs. G. W. Rapps	1.00
Church of the Epiphany	5.50
Mrs. C. E. Jenzcewski	11.30
Church of the Reformation	30.00
Mrs. L. Kurtz	5.00
Mrs. R. J. Morawetz.....	1.00
Total	<u>\$91.65</u>

Expenditures for carfare, books, stationery, food, milk, clothing, shoes, medicines, etc., leave a balance of eighty-seven cents.

The spiritual work done in, with, and under these material helps has been in accordance with the faith of our Church, and it does not become us to speak of them, except to say that the Word of God has been read in these homes, prayers offered with the unfortunate and despondent, church and Sunday School affiliations established where possible, and all things done as unto the Lord, love of Whom has been the constraining motive. The work is to be continued.

We recommend that the Deaconess work be presented regularly and earnestly in our parishes, especially among the young women in our Confirmation classes and Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,
PAUL WAGNER ROTH.

The report was adopted and ordered spread on the minutes.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Theses on Inner Missions presented by the General

Council Inner Mission Board be made a special order of program for Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the privileges of the floor be granted to pastors not yet received into Synod and to other visiting brethren in Unity of the Faith.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, the retiring Secretary, for faithful services rendered the Synod.

Synod adjourned, being led in Prayer by the Rev. J. F. Beates, Benediction by the President.

SECOND SESSION

Wednesday, June 21, 9 A. M.

The Rev. J. J. Clemens conducted morning devotions. The roll was called and the minutes of the Tuesday afternoon session were read and approved.

The privileges of the floor were granted to the students of the Theological Seminaries of the General Council who were present at the Convention of Synod.

On motion it was resolved to adjourn at 11:30 to give the Ministerium time for meeting.

The following Committees were then appointed:

Reception of Congregations.—Rev. A. D. J. Haupt, D.D., Rev. C. A. Nauman, Rev. J. F. Fedders, Rev. Willis Beck, Rev. J. S. Albert, Mr. J. Krafve, Mr. Rapp.

On Apportionment.—Rev. J. F. Beates, Rev. P. W. Roth, Rev. C. P. Weiskotten, Rev. J. J. Clemens, Mr. J. K. Jensen, Mr. Henry Miller, Mr. Sattler, Mr. F. X. Burg.

Excuse Committee.—Rev. P. E. Baisler, Rev. C. L. Grant, Mr. Bernard Stecker, Rev. H. C. Rex, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Clement.

Press Committee.—Rev. F. R. Webber, Rev. W. P. Christy, Rev. H. L. Bosserman.

On Seminary.—Rev. L. W. Steckel, Rev. L. B. Deck, Rev. E. O. Hoff-

meister, Rev. A. J. Sommer, Mr. H. E. Samuelson, Mr. W. O. Schilling, Mr. B. J. Holmes.

President's Report.—Rev. J. Sander, Ph.D., Rev. H. K. Gebhart, Rev. W. S. Ulrich, Rev. W. C. Stump, Rev. G. K. Rubrecht, Mr. O. H. Adler, Mr. L. A. Anderson, Mr. Carl Mortenson.

On Conferences.—Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D., Rev. F. E. Cooper, Rev. W. F. Bacher, Rev. J. J. S. Rumbarger, Rev. W. H. Gable, Mr. Enggren, Mr. Anton Johnson.

Auditing Committee.—F. X. Burg, Geo. Hemsing, Edgar Johnson.

Upon motion the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, it appears that an omission was made at the last session of Synod in the report of the Committee on Conferences, page 60, in regard to the recommendation of the Central Conference as to students' aid referred to on page 37, minutes of 1915.

Be it resolved, that Synod re-affirms its action then taken, namely, that the maximum sum paid to worthy students in need of Synodical aid be \$200.00 per year; and that \$200.00 per year be credited upon the total indebtedness of each beneficiary so long as he serves a congregation in connection with the General Council.

A. J. D. HAUPT,
C. P. WEISKOTTEN,
W. K. FRICK,
P. E. BAISLER.

Rev. Gruber presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Number of Congregations	46
Number of Church Buildings	40
Number of Pastors	43
Number of Parsonages	9

The parochial statistics will be found in detail under the following three heads, for which see tables:

- I. MEMBERSHIP—pages 80 and 81.
 - II. FINANCE—pages 82 and 83.
 - III. ORGANIZATION—pages 84 and 85.
- A Summary of these statistics follows:

I. MEMBERSHIP.

	LOSS	GAIN
Catechumens	1168	80
Students for the Ministry	10	4

Number Communed	7814	373
Number in Good Standing.....	7837	333
Confirmed Members at Date Last Report....	10,921	

ACCESSIONS DURING THE YEAR.

Infant Baptisms	632	
By Adult Baptism	99	
By Confirmation	902	
From Lutheran Congregations	294	
By Renewal of Faith	620	
By Restoration	21	
		1,936

LOSSES DURING THE YEAR.

By Death	81	
By Transfer	192	
Otherwise	689	962
Net Gain		974
Present Confirmed Membership	11,875	
By correction of error of 60 from a previous year.....	11,815	
Baptized Children Not Included Above	8,119	
Present Baptized Membership	19,934	
Baptized Membership at Date Last Report	18,556	
Gain in Baptized Membership		1,378

II. FINANCES.

	DECREASE	INCREASE
Value of Property	\$784,644.00	\$91,009.00
Indebtedness	290,708.00	33,641.00

Contributions:—

Current Expenses	\$71,382.36	\$9,361.84
Extraordinary Expenses	34,903.73	\$27,827.02
Total for Local Objects.....	106,286.09	18,465.18

Benevolences:—

Synodical Expenses:

Expenses of Synod	\$ 583.18	63.34
Traveling Expenses	224.03	218.51
Ministerial Relief Fund	401.47	19.18
Chicago Seminary	2,546.03	741.07
Ministerial Education	178.79	25.69
Inner Mission	202.63	52.32
Totals	\$4,136.13	\$683.09

General Council:

Home Missions	\$3,991.58		\$ 997.47
Church Extensions	861.98		109.92
Foreign Missions	1,378.71		95.78
Porto Rico Missions	483.38		69.79
Slav Missions	221.66		30.04
University Students' Work	758.94	79.49	
German Home Missions	86.92		11.63
Jewish Missions	125.28		12.84
Totals	\$7,908.45		\$1,247.98
Other Benevolence	\$ 1,946.16		\$ 917.54
Total Benevolence	13,991.74		2,849.61
Grand Total Contributions..	\$120,277.83	\$15,615.57	
Average per Member (good standing)	15.35	2.76	

III. ORGANIZATIONS.

Sunday Schools—

	LOSS	GAIN
Enrollment	8,362	476
Average Attendance	5,000	375

Contributions:

Local Objects	\$7,154.71	\$315.99
Benevolence	1,892.07	240.25
Total	\$9,046.78	\$556.24

Women's Societies—

Enrollment	2,066	29
Average Attendance	1,219	76

Contributions:

Local Objects	\$11,418.47	\$385.87
Benevolence	2,307.82	\$439.98
Total	\$13,726.29	\$ 54.11

Young People's Societies—

Enrollment	1,340	76
Average Attendance	868	47

Contributions:

Local Objects	\$2,502.69	\$799.87
Benevolence	195.35	\$23.01
Total	\$2,698.04	\$776.86

Men's Societies—

Enrollment	350	55
Average Attendance	208	40

Contributions:

Local Objects	\$2,309.54	\$1,514.63
Benevolence	175.00	80.00
Total	\$2,484.54	\$1,594.63

Respectfully submitted,

L. FRANKLIN GRUBER,
J. S. ALBERT.

The report was adopted and ordered spread on the minutes and a resolution of thanks was tendered the Statistical Committee.

A recess of a few minutes was then taken for the purpose of taking a picture of the members of Synod and Visitors.

Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., then addressed Synod and presented the greetings of the Chicago Synod to Synod upon the 25th anniversary of its organization.

The Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D., then addressed Synod on the Slav Mission work of the General Council.

On motion, it was

Resolved that a committee be appointed to consider ways and means for making up the deficits in the apportionment of Synod for this year and that this committee report at this Convention.

The Committee was as follows: F. X. Burg, W. O. Schilling, E. P. Waller.

Mr. L. A. Anderson then made the following report:

To the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest:

GENTLEMEN:—As chairman of the committee on a more equitable apportionment which was appointed last year, I beg leave to offer the following report:

I regret exceedingly that owing to the great distances it has been impossible for the committee to have a formal meeting. I find, furthermore, that I am the only member of the committee present at this meeting of Synod. All I can do, therefore, is to report progress and to state that I have a tentative plan in mind that I believe can be successfully worked out in

such a way that will not only result in a more equitable apportionment but that will lead to the production of larger funds for use in the various activities of the Synod. Briefly stated, it is based upon the general plan used by Fire Insurance Companies in fixing rates, that is, the adoption of a base rate and the use of a system of additions and subtractions so that greater equity may be attained than through the present method of a flat per capita tax.

Unfortunately, I have not been able to work this out into a complete report that can be offered for adoption at this meeting. I would suggest, therefore, that the committee be continued for another year and that if in the opinion of Synod it is advisable a make-shift be adopted this year in the form of additions to or subtractions from the membership in good standing "for apportionment purposes." This is merely suggested, however, as a temporary plan in case Synod thinks it advisable to consider such a plan at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. ANDERSON.

Resolutions presented by Rev. Deck were referred to the Committee on Equitable Apportionment with instructions to bring in a printed report for distribution on the floor of the next convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved to reconstruct the committee on Equitable Apportionment.

The President then appointed Mr. L. A. Anderson, Mr. Geo. Hemsing, Mr. F. Sattler.

On motion, it was

Resolved that the said Committee be increased by the addition of two pastors.

The President then appointed Revs. F. E. Cooper and P. W. Roth.

The following communication from the Inner Mission Society of Minneapolis was then read:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Since your Synodical meeting is drawing near, I wish first of all to express our gratitude for your official recognition of our organization given at your meeting of last year, and for the financial support we have received from your esteemed body. We also believe it to be our duty to inform you at this time of work done by the Lutheran Inner Mission Society of Minneapolis in 1915.

Our work has been continually growing and undoubtedly the confidence of our Lutheran people in it is steadily increasing. Kindly permit me to give you a brief statement of the different phases of the work and its growth.

Work Among the Sick and Poor.—182 calls were made in Hospitals. 1,369 calls were made to private families, either to visit the sick, to make investigations of conditions, and to lend a helping hand both bodily and spiritually. Over 5,000 Church papers, prayer books and Testaments were distributed free. 29 persons were assisted to free medical treatment and hospital care. At the Christmas celebration for the poor, 216 children and over 60 families received new clothing and baskets of food, toys and sweets. Many hundred pieces of good clothing were given to poor people during the year.

Rescue Work.—19 unfortunate girls were aided, influenced to the good, and in many cases with very satisfactory results.

Work for Homeless Children.—We were interested in 27 cases. Most of these children were adopted into good private families after we had made thorough investigation. Six children were placed in Orphan's Homes.

Unclassified and Miscellaneous Cases.—We had 47 of these. They differ very much from each other and sometimes a single case required days of work, not only for one but for several persons. Our two Sisters are engaged in all these branches of the work. We need more such angels of mercy in our large city of over 300,000 inhabitants.

Hospice Work.—During the year 1915 we registered 1,168 persons, an increase of 100 over last year. The weekly Bible class lectures given by Pastor Rockey were kept up, and were greatly appreciated.

The Lutheran Hospice is still the headquarters of our mission activity, this only by force of circumstances. It stands to reason that a combination of this kind is not ideal. To make a real success of it, the Hospice should have a place apart from the other mission work. As it is, all classes of people come there to ask for help or relief of one kind or another. The room we have is not adequate to serve the two purposes. Persons often have to wait until they can be received for a hearing, and must sit in the entrance hall. This should not be.

We have not the proper space to keep the clothing for the poor, nor the proper place from which to deliver it. These conditions are growing worse from year to year as the mission work develops. Very often wayward, penniless girls and women come for housing accommodations, the latter often with children. In many cases we cannot refuse them, yet they do not belong in a Home for young women.

One can readily see in what great need we are of a new Girl's Home. We owe it to our people in the rural districts who come to our city with the expectation of finding a good girl's home and we must give them what we promise.

In consideration of these conditions, and forced as we are by circumstances, our Board has felt justified in starting a financial campaign in the country during the summer and a city-wide campaign in the Fall to raise the funds for a girl's home. We ask you to recommend this work to your people that they may further it with their prayers and gifts.

Assuring you that I shall gladly be at your service at any time, I remain respectfully,

Yours in the service of the Lord,

F. A. SCHAFFNIT,
Gen. Supt. of the Luth. Inner Mission Soc. of Minneapolis, Minn.

The communication was received and ordered spread on the minutes.

After various announcements Synod adjourned.

The Rev. J. J. Rumbarger leading in prayer and the President pronouncing the benediction.

THIRD SESSION

Wednesday, June 21, 2 P. M.

Devotions were conducted by the Rev. Willis Beck.

Roll was called and minutes of Wednesday morning session were read and approved.

Upon the recommendation of the Ministerium the following were received into Synod: Rev. W. A. Zundel, Rev. Howard E. Snyder, Rev. A. O. Soholm.

Upon the recommendation of the Ministerium, Alexander James Haupt and Jonas Hoke Dressler were recommended for ordination.

The brethren were then formally presented to the President of Synod by the Rev. Dr. Trabert, Chairman of the Examining Committee, and were heartily welcomed by the President of Synod.

The President announced to the candidates for ordination that the services of ordination would take place on Thursday evening.

The Rev. Jas. F. Beates presented the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND, FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR 1915-1916.

TO THE ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST,
In Convention in St. John's Church, Oshkosh, Wisconsin:

Your Board held two meetings during the year, both of them in Treasurer Monsons' office, 500 Germania Building, St. Paul, Minn., viz., on June 24, 1915 and on June 6, 1916.

FIRST MEETING.

All the members were present. The Board organized by re-electing its former officers, viz., President, G. H. Traber; Secretary, James F. Beates; Treasurer, Otto Monson.

The Treasurer reported \$240.25 received since the meeting at Synod, making a total of \$1,068.80 in the uninvested funds of the Board at that time.

The Board took up its first application for relief by granting the sum of \$50.00 per month from August 1, 1915, the time the General Council English Home Mission Board was to discontinue its support.

The Treasurer was instructed to invest, if possible, \$500.00 in an approved mortgage, and to deposit the balance in savings account to be used in relief as needed.

The matter of incorporating the Board, as referred to it by Synod, was considered and tabled for the present.

A committee consisting of Dr. Trabert and Mr. Anderson was appointed to formulate, if possible, the general rules of the Board, as directed by Synod.

The Board offers for Synodical approval, the following addition to Rule 15, viz.: "Should a minister of our Synod decline to contribute to the Ministers' Relief Fund, according to Rule 3, for a number of years, and then begin in hope of enjoying the benefits of the Fund when disabled or superannuated, he shall be required to pay into the Fund, at the rate of one per cent of his salary from the time he entered Synod up to the time he began to contribute."

SECOND MEETING.

All the members, except Mr. Anderson, were present.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts during the year thus far, of \$229.65 from congregations; of \$119.55 from pastors; and of \$501.90 from invested funds, or a total of \$851.10. The expenses were \$450.00 paid to beneficiaries up to May 1st, and \$28.00 for incidentals.

Treasurer Monson also reported \$600.00 invested at 6 per cent in the Fillmanson Mortgage, Itasca County, Minnesota. The interest on the Hon. C. A. Smith note for \$5,500.00 has been paid up to June 1, 1916. The interest on the C. A. Smith Timber Bonds, now under the control of a committee in Chicago bankers amounting to \$506.25, since August 1, 1914, has not yet been paid. However 9 per cent Distribution on the Principal (viz., \$4,500.00), or \$405.00 has been received since this meeting.

The Committee on "General Rules" for the Board's guidance in its beneficiary operations was unable to report, and was requested to prepare such recommendations for your consideration at this convention. The report is herewith presented:

Your Committee begs leave to state that Rule 12 of "Rules and Regulations, etc.," defines how benefits shall be given to disabled ministers, according to which no definite action can be fixed to cover all cases. Inasmuch as our Fund is as yet small and increasing very slowly, your Committee would recommend that for the present and until Synod shall see fit to order otherwise, the following rules shall govern:

1. The maximum amount to be given to any superannuated or disabled minister shall be \$25.00 per month.
2. That the minister's widow, where necessary, shall, as soon as she becomes a widow, receive an amount not exceeding \$25 per month, provided, however, that such allowance may be terminated at any time if in the judgment of the Board it is no longer needed.
3. In case of orphan children the maximum amount which a child shall receive shall be \$10 a month up to sixteen years of age, according to rule 13. Should the last child at any time before it reaches the age of sixteen no longer need the benefit, it shall cease, according to the discretion of the Board.

*** In view of the many delinquents, both of pastors and congregations as reported by the Treasurer, the Board adopted Mr. Monson's motion as follows: "That the Board request Synod to appoint a committee in each Conference to keep the matter of the Ministers' Relief Fund before our pastors and congregations, and to urge them to the prompt support of the same."

Since the Board's meeting, \$37.50 has been received from pastors, and \$81.25 from congregations. One pastor, because his congregation could not pay its quota, paid in \$11.00, or at the rate of 1 per cent of his income, being double the amount required. It would be well if the precedent might become a rule. It would stir up the negligent pastors to see that their congregations did their duty in supporting the Fund, and shame those stingy congregations to aid their pastors' worthy efforts.

Your Board strongly feels that this important business of Ministerial Relief is not being as heartily supported as it should. Now that we are launching out in this good work, it is highly necessary that our income should be promptly at hand. Not only should we have ample income from the interest of the investments, but we must also increase the invested principal as much as possible, so as to be able to take up the increasing calls for aid. These demands are sure to grow from now on, and the Board should be able to meet them promptly. We cannot do this without your loyal and hearty support. Hence our earnest appeal to Synod to insure this faithful support by all of its members, both clerical and lay.

The term of office of Justice A. Holt expires with this convention, and his successor should be chosen.

I herewith submit also the Treasurer's Report, together with the Auditing Committee's Report on the same.

Respectfully,

JAMES F. BEATES,

Secretary of the Board.

ST. PAUL, MINN., JUNE 15, 1916.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

MINISTERS', MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND, SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST, FOR THE YEAR 1915-16. CONGREGATIONS.

NAME	LOCATION	FOR YEAR	AMOUNT
Advent	Cedarburg	1915-16.....	.....
English	Cannon Falls	1915-16.....	.....
Epiphany	Milwaukee	1915-16.....	.....
Faith	St. Paul	1915-16.....	.....
Holy Trinity	St. Paul	1915-16.....	.....
Holy Trinity	Superior	1914-15 & 1915-16.....	.....
Lake Park	Milwaukee	1915-16.....	.....
Redeemer	Livingston	1915-16.....	.....
Redeemer	Milwaukee	1915-16.....	.....
Redeemer	Minneapolis	1915-16.....	.....
Reformation	St. Paul	1914-15.. 1915-16....	.....
Richfield	Minneapolis	1915-16.....	.....
Salem	Minneapolis .....	.....	.....
St. John's	Minneapolis	1915-16.....	.....
St. John's	Stacy	1914-15.....	.....
St. Mark's	North St. Paul.....	1915-16.....	.....
St. Peter's	Janesville	1914-15.. 1915-16....	.....
Trinity	Lindstrom	1915-16.....	.....
Total from Congregations			\$310.90

MINISTERS.

Beates, James F.	1915-16.....	.....
Christy, W. P.	1915-16.....	.....

Cooper, F. E.	1915-16.....	
Deck, Luther B.	1915-16.....	
Eckert, Wm.	1915-16.....	
Elmquist, A. F.	1915-16.....	
Fedders, John F.	1915-16.....	
Frick, W. K. D.D.	1915-16.....	
Gold, Howard R.	1913-14.....	
Grant, Chas. L.	1915-16.....	
Gruber, L. F., on acct.	1914-15.....	
Haupt, A. J., on acct.	1915-16.....	
Hoffmeister, E. O.	1914-15.....	
Hoffmeister, E. O.	1915-16.....	
Klingensmith, F. W.	1915-16.....	
Rockey, C. J.	1915-16.....	
Rumbarger, J. J. S.	1915-16.....	
Sander, John	1915-16.....	
Schnur, G. H.	1914-15.....	
Trabert, G. H., D.D.	1915-16.....	
Total from Ministers		\$157.05

CASH RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year		\$ 828.55
Congregations	\$310.90	
Ministers	157.05	
Interest on C. A. Smith note for 1½ yrs. to June 6, 1916	495.00	
Interest on \$1,200 farm mtg. to Aug. 1, 1915.....	73.80	
Interest on \$1,000 farm mtg. to Nov. 1, 1915.....	60.00	
Interest on Time Deposits.....	14.00	
C. A. Smith Timber Co. Bonds, being 9% Dis- tribution on Prin.	405.00	
Interest on \$600 Farm Mortgage.....	42.10	\$1,557.85
		<u>\$2,386.40</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Farm mortgage	\$600.00
Accrued interest on same	9.00
Rev. F. W. Klingensmith	450.00
Ellen A. Klingensmith	25.00
L. A. Anderson, attending Board meeting, viz.,	
R. R. Fare	10.90
Sleepers	4.00
Meals	1.50
	<u>\$16.40</u>
Safety Box rent	4.00

Treas. Bond	2.50	
Printing	2.25	
Incidentals	2.85	
		\$1,112.00
Balance		\$1,274.40

TOTAL ASSETS.

Cash	\$ 1,274.40
C. A. Smith Timber Co. Bonds	4,095.00
C. A. Smith note	5,500.00
Farm mortgages	2,800.00
Accrued int. on C. A. Smith Timber Co. Bonds from Aug. 1-14	506.25
Accrued interest on C. A. Smith note from June 6, 1916	8.00
Accrued interest on Farm mortgages.....	102.00
Accrued interest on Time Deposits.....	9.23
	\$14,294.88

Respectfully submitted,
OTTO MONSON,
Treasurer.

ST. PAUL, MINN., JUNE 15, 1916.

Since the above reports were drawn up, the following congregations and pastors turned in their quota to the Treasurer, who forwarded the items to the Secretary at Synod, viz.:

St. Luke's, Goodhue, Minn.....	
Redeemer, Zumbrota, Minn.....	
Holy Communion, Minneapolis, Minn.....	
St. Paul's, Neenah, Wis.....	
Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht.....	
Rev. Willis Beck.....	
Rev. H. L. Bosserman.....	
	\$40.50

Cash Received by your Secretary since coming to Synod, viz.:

Rev. Wm. H. Gable, for 1915-16.....	
Rev. L. W. Steckel.....	
Rev. C. P. Weiskotten.....	
	\$63.00
Rev. L. F. Gruber	

Total received after report closed.....	\$ 75.00
Total receipts for past year from Congregations and Ministers	542.95
Grand Total receipts.....	<u>\$2,461.47</u>

JAMES F. BEATES,
Secretary.

OSHKOSH, WIS., JUNE 21, 1916.

St. Paul, Minn., June 19, 1916.

TO THE ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST:

We have audited the books of Mr. Otto Monson, Treasurer of the Board of Control for the Ministers' and Ministers' Widows and Orphans Fund of the Synod of the Northwest, for the year ending June 15, 1916, and found them correct and agreeing with his report to Synod dated June 15, 1916; and we also found the funds and securities as stated in said report, together with Surety Bond for \$1,000.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. F. SMITH,
E. E. ERICKSON,
Committee.

The report was received for consideration by item.

During the discussion it was moved that the discussion on Inner Mission Theses be postponed.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the matter of incorporating the Ministers' and Ministers' Widows and Orphans' Funds, and the advisability of continuing the present plan of management, be referred to a special committee of three who will investigate the management of similar funds in other religious bodies and report at the next convention of Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That one per cent be substituted for one-half of one per cent in the wording of Rule 15.

Rule 15 was referred back to the Board.

Items I, II, and III of the report were adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Synod appoint a special committee in each conference

to keep the matter of the Ministers' Relief Fund before our Pastors and Congregations and to urge them to the prompt support of the same.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a column for *Ministerial Relief Funds* be added to the apportionment table to call attention of the congregations to this fund and that directly under the heading the words "one per cent of current expenses" be printed in parentheses, otherwise leaving column blank.

The report was adopted as amended.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be empowered to eliminate from the printed minutes such matters in the report of the Ministers' Relief Fund as he sees fit.

Dr. Haupt presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECEPTION OF CONGREGATIONS.

Three congregations apply for reception into this Synod.

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church of Minneapolis, Minn., organized Sunday, October 3, 1915. No delegates.

The First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Moorhead, Minn., organized Monday, December 13, 1915. Mr. Geo. B. Rasmussen, lay delegate, and

Trinity English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Glenburn, N. D., organized Tuesday, December 14, 1915. Mr. Emil Carlson, lay delegate.

These congregations having adopted the constitution recommended by Synod, your committee recommends their reception, and that their lay delegates be immediately seated.

A. J. D. HAUPT,
JOHN F. FEDDERS,
W. BECK,
J. S. ALBERT,
HENRY RAPP.
JONAS KRAFVE.

Report was considered by items adopted as a whole, and the Congregations enrolled as members of Synod.

The President then appointed Rev. W. P. Christy, of the Central Conference, and Rev. G. K. Rubrecht, of the Wisconsin Conference, as the Committee to keep the interest in the Ministers' Relief Fund alive.

Committee on revision of rules of the Ministers' Relief Fund was appointed by the President as follows: Rev. Dr. Trabert, Rev. Jas. F. Beates, and Mr. L. A. Anderson.

THE REPORT OF THE LITURGICAL COMMITTEE.

The Liturgical Committee reports that it has selected the hymns, tunes, collects, and psalms for the devotional services of this convention.

LUTHER B. DECK,
E. O. HOFFMEISTER,
J. F. FEDDERS.

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Since the last report was rendered two conventions of the Central Conference have been held.

The 21st convention met in Holy Trinity Church, Superior, Wis., Rev. Wm. H. Gable, Pastor, October 12-14, 1915, the sessions of the last day being held in St. John's church, Duluth, Minn., Rev. Wm. F. Bacher, Pastor. Seventeen clerical and six lay delegates were in attendance. The president in his report called the attention of congregations to the various recommendations of Synod especially with reference to "Pastor's Helps," "Pastoral Oversight," "Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund," "The Lutheran and Lutheran Literature," "Seminary Endowment," "Every Member Canvass," "Monthly Payment of Apportionment," etc. In line with this thought a Committee on Efficiency was appointed whose recommendations were unanimously adopted to-wit:

1. That pastors and congregations hold efficiency conferences for the purpose of developing lay activity for the welfare of the parishes and the extension of Church work in general.
2. That the pastors and church councils arrange for these conferences among themselves and invite such persons to assist them as may be able to present certain phases of work that may need special consideration.
3. In order to promote the spiritual life of our parishes, that pastors hold pre-lenten retreats wherever possible.
4. That the congregations of Conference devise some means whereby *The Lutheran, Home Missionary, Foreign Missionary* and *Mission Worker* be placed in every home in the congregation.
5. That the president of Conference be charged with the duty of assisting pastors and congregations in carrying out the above.

Conference united in prayer in behalf of Brother Klingensmith and his family and extended its heartfelt sympathy to Brother Beates in his recent sorrow.

The petition of the Conference Mission Committee to the General Board praying that a pastor be placed at Winnipeg as soon as possible so that Brother Baisler could begin with his work of organizing in Western Canada was heartily endorsed.

The following was also passed without a dissenting vote:

"Resolved that Conference memorialize Synod to apportion \$2,500.00 yearly for Extension purposes, one-fifth of the money thus raised to be given to the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society towards the erection of churches and the remainder to be used as a Synodical Church Lot Extension Fund."

President Beates was elected to attend the Home Mission Conference at Buffalo, N. Y.

The following subjects were presented in sermons, addresses and papers: "The Macedonian Cry," "The Ideal Pastor," "The Ideal Member," "Augsburg Confession Art. XVII," "General Council Echoes," "Need and Methods of Distributing Lutheran Literature," "Our Position on the Anti-Saloon League," "Secular and Religious Education," "City Problems for the Church," "The Present Day Obligations of Church Members."

The 22nd. Convention was held June 20, 1916, in St. John's Church, Oshkosh, Wis., Rev. Wm. C. Stump, Pastor. The organization of Conference was the main business in hand, the election resulting as follows:

President—W. P. CHRISTY.

Secretary-Treasurer—REV. J. S. ALBERT.

Lay Member on the Executive Committee—MR. O. H. ADLER.

Mission Committee of Conference—REV. G. H. TRABERT, D.D., REV. A. J. D. HAUPT, D.D., REV. W. P. CHRISTY, REV. L. FRANKLIN GRUBER, MR. O. H. ADLER, MR. EDW. JACKSON, MR. OSCAR BERGSTROM.

LUTHER B. DECK,

Secretary.

The report of the Central Conference and the report of the Central Conference Woman's Missionary Society were referred to the Committee on Conferences.

The Committee on Seminary Professorship Endowments reported progress and that approximately \$22,000 has been raised to date.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the resolution appertaining to the payment of the apportionment by the Treasurer of Synod as found on Page 60 in the Minutes of 1915 be taken from the table.

The original motion was lost.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That we take up for action the recommendation of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments that was presented to Synod at the 25th annual Convention (see pages 62-63 of Minutes of 1915), which recommendation is as follows:

"Resolved, That Article IV, Section 3, Item c, last sentence, which reads: 'In an extraordinary case the Synod may make special provision for the examination and ordination of the candidate,' be so amended as to read: 'In extraordinary cases, the Executive Committee, in behalf of Synod, shall have power to ordain, between the meetings of Synod, any candidates who shall have been regularly recommended for such ordination by the Examining Committee.'"

Upon motion the Constitution was amended according to above resolution.

The following notice for a change in Constitution was then handed to the Secretary of Synod, who read the same.

Resolved, That Article VI, Section 4 of the Constitution of our Synod be altered so as to read: "The Treasurer shall have a voice and a vote in the meetings of Synod. He shall be ex-officio member of the apportionment committee."

P. W. ROTH,
W. P. CHRISTY,
H. L. BOSSERMAN,
GEO. HEMSING,
G. F. EHRLINGER.

The above was laid over until the next annual convention of Synod.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. F. Fedders, and benediction by the President.

FOURTH SESSION

Thursday, June 22, 9 A. M.

Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. W. P. Christy.

Roll was called and the minutes of Wednesday afternoon's session were read and approved.

The President appointed the Committee on Traveling Expenses as follows: Rev. C. L. Grant and Rev. H. C. Rex.

Rev. G. K. Rubrecht read the

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of Synod held three meetings since the last annual convention in Minneapolis. The minutes of the Secretary indicate the following items of interest:

1. Students Clarence J. Naarup at Thiel and Walfred Stromberg at Minnesota received beneficiary aid during the year. Mr. Bernard J. Stecker, a 1916 graduate of Lawrence University, and student in charge of our Mission at Appleton also received some assistance during the year. The application of Mr. P. F. Halbeck, a member of the Church of the Reformation, Milwaukee, was also received and the Committee is making the necessary arrangements so that he may be able to enter Thiel College next fall.

2. The various fields and their needs were carefully reviewed. The Field Missionary of Minnesota was asked to begin work as soon as possible at two very promising points.

3. The situation at Beloit received much attention. The President was authorized to submit at this meeting of Synod a plan by means of which this important mission might be saved.

4. In regard to the petition of the lay delegates attending the last session of Synod, asking that the day sessions of Synod be given over entirely to a consideration of the business of Synod, it was decided that a hymn, a Scripture lesson and prayer would be sufficient for the day sessions.

5. The Committee adopted a resolution requesting that Synod at this session ask the Board of English Home Missions for an additional field missionary for the State of Wisconsin.

G. KELLER RUBRECHT,
Secretary.

Action on the report was deferred until the Committee on President's report had brought in their report.

The Secretary read the report on the Board of Home Missions.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA TO THE ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

DEAR BRETHREN :—We have spent another year in the work with a still greater scarcity of men and in a prosperous era with inexcusable scarcity of money. Only a slave-driving Egypt could expect Israelites to make brick without straw. Teuton and Allies take care of the men in their trenches. We care for the men abroad and even for those whom we have not sent, but for the home missionaries who do the hardest work for the smallest pay, we seem to have little regard.

FIELD MISSIONARIES.

The Rev. W. S. Ulrich has begun his labors by the organization of a congregation in Moorhead, Minn., and by a self-sustaining congregation at Glenburn, N. D. The Rev. W. A. Zundel began in April to work in Montana and the people of Livingston are enthusiastic over his presence among them and the prospects for their city and state. The Rev. P. E. Baisler has resigned First Church, Winnipeg to accept a call to the field missionaryship of Western Canada. The Rev. L. B. Deck continued his aggressive work by the organization of a self-sustaining congregation in Richfield, Minneapolis and also the St. James' mission for which he is caring.

CHANGES.

The Rev. H. R. Gold has resigned at Madison and the Rev. Howard E. Snyder is called in his place.

Mr. Carl H. Bartsch, of the senior class of the Philadelphia Seminary will take charge of the Winnipeg mission after his ordination.

The Rev. W. F. Bacher resigned the Duluth mission to take charge of St. Mark's, Fargo, N. D.

The Rev. W. H. Gable resigned Trinity, Superior, Wis., to accept a call at Glenburn, N. D.

We are anxious to secure a pastor for the Resurrection mission, Milwaukee, so that Field Missionary Weiskotten may be able to give his whole time to his new work.

SELF-SUSTAINING.

St. John's, Duluth, Minn., and Lake Park, Milwaukee, have become self-sustaining.

NEW WORK.

In addition to the new organizations effected by Field Missionaries Deck, Weiskotten and Ulrich, a Sunday School and preaching place has been established at Appleton, Wis.

COMPARATIVE STATE OF THE MISSIONS.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE			Members 1915	Members 1916	Paid Dur- ing Year	Organized
CITY	MISSION	PASTOR				
Superior, Wis.	Holy Trinity	Vacant	161	190	\$504.17	1905
Minneapolis, Minn.	Richfield	Jas. Haupt		117		1915
Minneapolis, Minn.	Holy Communion	H. L. Bosserman	154	170	400.00	1909
Duluth, Minn.	St. John's	H. C. Rex	207	207	150.00	1890
Livingston, Mont.	Redeemer	W. A. Zundel	50	50	443.76	1906
Winnipeg, Canada	First	P. E. Baisler	173	186	900.00	1905
Moorhead, Minn.	First	W. S. Ulrich		39		1915
Glenburn, N. D.	Trinity	W. H. Gable		50		1915
Minneapolis, Minn.	St. James'	L. B. Deck		78		1915
WISCONSIN CONFERENCE						
Beloit	Atonement	G. C. Smith	127	127	300.00	1905
Madison	Trinity	H. E. Snyder	130	168	92.50	1907
Cedarburg	Advent	M. H. Wichman	86	91	300.00	1904
Milwaukee	Lake Park	F. E. Cooper	143	164	500.00	1911
Milwaukee	Resurrection	C. P. Weiskotten	41	66		1914
Neenah	St. Paul	A. J. Sommer	103	139	400.00	1913
Appleton	Trinity	Student	15	15	125.00	1915
Milwaukee	Wash. Park	C. P. Weiskotten				1915
			1390	1857	\$4115.43	

SUMMARY.

Salaries of Missionaries, as above	\$4,115.43
Salaries and expenses of Field Missionaries	3,001.50
	\$7,116.93
Amount received from Synod on apportionment	4,369.70

We ask Synod to reconsider its action on the Emergency Fund and make unification and not divisiveness the rule in our mission work.

THE CONFERENCE OF HOME MISSION FORCES.

The first conference of our Home Mission Forces, consisting of the representatives of the Conference Mission Committees, Synodical and General Council Home Mission Boards, several Field Missionaries, the Eastern and Western District Superintendents and the General Superintendents, met for two days session in the city of Buffalo to come to a clearer understanding as to the powers and duties of the Conference

Mission Committee, the Synodical Board and the General Board, of the Conference, Synod and General Council, of the missionary, field missionary, district superintendent and general superintendent and the importance and needs of our Home Mission work. For two days, morning, noon and night there was most earnest, fraternal and genial conference with whose results all were well pleased. Resolutions were adopted and a committee appointed to submit to the Board actions looking toward a much-needed advance in Home Missions. It has taken some time for the various factors to see the advantage of Unification (and we are still at the beginning), and the next report of the Board to the General Council will show a most far-reaching constructive program for Home Missions which has sprung from the harmonious meeting of our Home Mission Forces. It will give our Church a new and much needed vision of the importance of the home work.

HARMONY PREVAILS.

We are gratified to extend our thanks to the officers of Synod and Conference, to the Conference Mission Committee and the Synodical Board for the courtesy which they have shown and for the help they have been to us in the prosecution of our work. As the plan is being better understood each part of the same endeavors to co-operate harmoniously with the rest. In union there is strength and united we stand.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We renew our request that prayer be made at our public services and in the homes of pastor and people to God "to stir up the devout wills of our sons to consecrate themselves to the Gospel Ministry and to open the hearts of all our people to provide the means to win America for Christ for the evangelization of the world."
2. That Synod devise more systematic ways and means for the presentation of the claims of the Gospel Ministry to the talented boys of our congregation and to the youth in our Church, schools, colleges and universities.
3. Inasmuch as the Home Missionary is the official organ of the English Mission Board of the General Council for arousing a greater interest in the work of Home Missions, and as it can be secured at 10 cents a copy per year in clubs of 20 or more, we ask Synod to assist us in securing its introduction into all its congregations.
4. That Synod arrange to establish Summer Schools for the study of missions and that all the pastors be urged to attend the same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. KUNZMAN,

Superintendent.

The Rev. Luther Hogshead, Western Supt. of the English Home Missions, addressed Synod on the Home Mission situation.

The report was received and ordered spread on the minutes.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That recommendation No. IV, of the report be referred to the Conferences of Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That all matters pertaining to the Emergency Lot Fund be referred to the special Committee on the said fund.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a special place be given in this evening's service for the presentation of the call for Students for the Ministry. And that special Prayer be then offered for more students for the ministry.

The Rev. J. J. Clemens presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

Synodical Expenses	\$ 560.00
Chicago Seminary	1,850.00
Ministerial Education	500.00
Home Missions	3,500.00
Church Extension	950.00
Foreign Missions	*2,600.00
Porto Rico Missions	600.00
Slav Missions	350.00
University Student Work	500.00
German Home Missions	100.00
Jewish Missions	150.00
Inner Missions	†300.00
Luther Memorial Church, Madison	300.00
To make up last year deficiency on Apportionment	169.50
5% of Total Apportionment for Deficiency Fund	621.48

\$13,050.98

*Half of the amount \$2,600.00 to be devoted for the purpose of assisting the German Foreign Missions in India.

†One Hundred Dollars for Special Inner Missions, being done by Sister Louise Strey of the Milwaukee Motherhouse. \$200.00 for Inner Missions Work in Minneapolis.

Mr. J. K. Jensen will later present apportionment table as found on pages 78 and 79 of 1915 minutes,—the same to be printed in this years' minutes.

The above apportionment will average about \$1.67 per member in good standing in our congregations, which according to statistical report is 7,837.

JAMES F. BEATES, *Chr.*
JOHN J. CLEMENS, *Sec.*
PAUL W. ROTH,
C. P. WEISKOTTEN,
H. MILLER,
FRED C. SATTLER,
J. K. JENSEN,
F. X. BURG.

The report was adopted as amended.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the President appoint a Special Committee on resolutions.

The President appointed Revs. L. F. Gruber and Wm. F. Bacher.

Dr. Sander read the report of the Committee on the Educational Project of the Three Synods.

Report was received to be placed in the Protocol.

The Committee was continued.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Greetings be sent to Rev. C. J. Rockey.

On motion by Dr. Frick, it was

Resolved, That Synod apportion \$300.00 for Luther Memorial Church, Madison.

Synod adjourned during the debate on above resolution.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Christy.

Benediction by the President.

FIFTH SESSION*June 22, 2 P. M.*

The Devotional services were conducted by Rev. H. L. Boss-erman.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Minutes of Thursday's morning session were read and approved.

Discussion on the pending resolution was continued.

The resolution was adopted.

Rev. H. K. Gebhart presented the

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STUDENTS
FOR THE MINISTRY.**

Your Committee has been unable to meet during the year, but some literature has been sent to prospective students, and their attention thus called to this subject.

We recommend:

1. That a committee for the purposes outlined be continued,
2. That a new series of form letters be prepared, and a copy of each be sent to prospective students.
3. That each pastor in Synod send to this Committee the names of promising boys, and young men from the eighth grade upward.
4. That the sum of \$20.00 be appropriated to meet the expenses of this committee.

H. K. GEBHART,

W. K. FRICK,

G. H. TRABERT,

Committee.

Report was adopted as a whole.

Mr. F. X. Burg read the

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

TO THE ENGLISH LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

We, the undersigned Auditing Committee, do hereby certify that we

have examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer and have found them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

F. X. BURG,
GEO. HEMSING,
Committee.

Rev. J. F. Fedders read the

REPORT OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.

TO THE ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST:

The officers of the Wisconsin Conference beg leave to submit the following report:

This Conference, by grace of God, has been privileged to hold four regular meetings since the presentation of the last report.

The Annual meeting, held in connection with the meeting of Synod, took place June 1, 1915, in St. John's Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Rev. Dr. A. F. Elmquist, pastor. The officers elected for the new year were as follows:

The Rev. W. F. Rex, President.

The Rev. John F. Fedders, Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. Geo. Hemsing, Lay member of the Executive Committee.

Conference Mission Committee—

Clerical—The Rev. W. C. Stump; The Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D.;

The Rev. J. J. S. Rumbarger.

Lay—Mr. F. H. Paeske; Mr. L. A. Anderson.

The 25th semi-annual convention (Fall Conference) was held October 11-14, 1915, in St. Paul's Church, Waterloo, Wisconsin, the Rev. E. T. Finck, pastor. The convention theme was, "The King's Business." The Holy Communion was administered at the opening session and the convention sermon was preached by the Rev. J. J. S. Rumbarger of La Crosse,—"The King's Business at Home and Abroad."

President W. F. Rex, having left the territory of Conference during early October to accept a new pastorate, the opening of the first business session devolved upon the Secretary, and the duties of chairman pro tem were ably conducted by the Rev. H. K. Gebhart, Kenosha. The Rev. H. R. Gold, University pastor at Madison, was elected president to succeed the Rev. W. F. Rex.

Various items of interest were discussed by pastors and laymen, such as the Laymen's Movement, Social Service and Inner Missions, Monthly Payment of Benevolences and Mission Opportunities in Wisconsin.

Papers and addresses on the following timely subjects were presented:

"Are Social Service and the Church's Inner Mission Identical?"

"The General Council and the King's Business."

"Deadening of Christian Consciousness."

"Our Seminary"

"Experience Abroad in the King's Business."

"The Problem of the Country Church."

"The Lutheran Church and Reform Movements."

"The King's Business in Wisconsin."

Inspiring meditations, based on Matthew 28:18-20, were given at the matin service preceding the morning business sessions:

"The King's Commission—The Master's Authority."

"The King's Commission—The Master's Command."

"The King's Commission—The Master's Promise."

Other sessions held in connection with Conference were,—“Sunday School Day” (Wednesday), “Women’s Missionary Society Day” (Thursday).

The 26th semi-annual convention (Spring Conference) was held May 2-4, at Grace Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin, the Rev. H. K. Gebhart, pastor. The theme of this Convention was,—“Practical Problems.” The Secretary preached the convention sermon on “The Problem of Sight.” The pastor loci assisted the secretary in the administration of the Holy Communion.

For the second time during the year Conference suffered the loss of its President, the Rev. H. R. Gold having resigned in February to assume the secretaryship of the quadri-centennial committee, with headquarters at Philadelphia. The Rev. George Keller Rubrecht was elected chairman pro tem and presided at all sessions. The matter of electing a new president was deferred until the time of the regular election at the annual meeting.

The item of monthly payment of benevolences to the treasurer of Synod was given a prominent part in the discussions at Conference and reports were heard from pastors and delegates regarding the progress made in each parish.

The secretary had prepared an exhibit of printing matter, used by the pastors in the various parishes of Conference, and, upon motion he was enjoined to complete the same and exhibit the collection at the June meeting of Synod.

The Waterloo-Marshall-Middleton matter was discussed by Conference and a committee of three clergymen and two laymen was appointed to investigate the matter and to recommend a solution of the difficulty at the next meeting of Conference.

The Rev. Dr. A. L. Ramer, Superintendent of Slav Missions, was

present, and in his usual stirring manner outlined the work, needs and opportunities of the Church among the Slavic races.

The following subjects were presented in written paper and address:

"Opportunities for 1917."

"Trends of Modern Education."

"The Christian's Relation to the World."

"Preparedness."

"Conquest."

"The Problem of Developing Efficient Laymen."

"Problems, Methods and Results in the Every Member Canvass."

"A Digest of the November 1915 Lutheran Church Review."

At the annual meeting of Conference held June 20, 1916, in connection with this meeting of Synod at St. John's Church, Oshkosh, the Rev. W. C. Stump, pastor, the following were elected to office:

President—The Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht.

Secretary-Treasurer—The Rev. John F. Fedders.

Lay member of the Executive Committee—Mr. George Hemsing.

Conference Mission Committee—Rev. G. K. Rubrecht; Rev. John F. Fedders; Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D.; Rev. H. K. Gebhart.

Lay—F. C. Sattler. W. C. Gauger; W. G. Nelson.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Conference ask Synod to reconsider its action of last year regarding the membership of the Conference Mission Committee (Minutes of 1915, page 37).

G. KELLER RUBRECHT, *Pres.*

JOHN F. FEDDERS, *Sec'y.*

The report was referred to the Committee on Conferences.

Mr. F. X. Burg read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEFICIT IN APPORTIONMENT.

We find unpaid for the year ending May 1, 1915:

Chicago Seminary	\$400.00
Ministerial Education	21.00
Home Missions	239.30
University Students' Work.....	53.00
German Home Missions	7.50
Jewish Missions	18.00
Inner Missions	29.00
Luther Memorial Church, Madison.....	115.00
	\$882.80

Inasmuch as the apportionments for Chicago Seminary and Home Missions have been more than met by special contributions and the Ministerial Education Fund and the University Student Work Treasury have not been overdrawn this year, it is recommended that \$169.50 be apportioned to cover the shortage in apportionment for 1915-1916, for the following causes:

German Home Missions.
Jewish Missions.
Inner Missions.
Luther Memorial Church, Madison.

We recommend that the apportionment committee add 5% to all apportionments allowed by Synod, in an endeavor to forestall any shortage in the future.

F. X. BURG,
W. O. SCHILLING,
E. C. WALLER,

Report adopted as amended.

The report of the Lot Extension Committee having been read, was referred back to the Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That we elect a representative to the Church Extension Society Board, as they request.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Synod's representative to the General Council Home Mission Board be the Synod's representative to the Church Extension Society.

Moved that we proceed to the election of the representative to the Home Mission Board of the General Council.

The Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph.D., President of the Synod, was unanimously elected.

Rev. G. K. Rubrecht read the

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST.

All papers and documents received during the year have been placed in files.

We again urge most earnestly that pastors mail their parish papers and any other written or printed material of Synodical interest.

There have been many requests for back numbers of the minutes. Some of the issues of the first decades are completely exhausted.

We ask that the pastors and lay delegates of our older congregations look through their files and mail all extra copies of the minutes of Synod for the years 1891 to 1903 to the Archivist.

G. KELLER RUBRECHT.

Report was adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Archivist secure two complete files of the Minutes of Synod, for the use of the officers of Synod.

The ballot of Synod for one member on the Board of Control of the Ministers', Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, resulted in the election of Mr. H. A. Swanson of Red Wing, Minn.

Invitation for the next Convention of Synod was extended by The Rev. W. F. Bacher in behalf of St. Mark's Lutheran Church at Fargo, North Dakota, and by The Rev. E. O. Hoffmeister, in behalf of St. Peter's Church of Janesville, Wisconsin.

Synod accepted the invitation to meet in Fargo.

Synod adjourned being led in Prayer by Rev. Gebhart.

Benediction by the President.

SIXTH SESSION

June 23, 1916, 9 A. M.

The Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. J. H. Dressler.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Minutes of previous session were read and approved.

Dr. Sander read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Noting the marked progress of our Synod not only for the past year, but for the last twenty-five years, we recognize with a feeling of humble

and sincere gratitude the abundant temporal and spiritual blessings bestowed upon us by the Triune God, Father, Son and Spirit.

1. We heartily endorse the recommendation of the President, that Synod ask the Board of Home Missions to secure, as soon as possible, a field missionary for Fox River Valley and other places in Wisconsin; and we furthermore recommend that Synod ask the Board for another field missionary for southern Minnesota.

2. In view of the deplorable crisis of the Foreign Lutheran Missions due to the European War, we earnestly urge our congregations to be liberal in their contributions to this most needy and worthy cause.

3. In view of the rapid approach of the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation every effort should be put forth to impress upon the public, not only the great importance of the Reformation of the Sixteenth century, but also of the greatness and the important mission of the Church of the Reformation, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in America. In order to do so it is vitally important that wherever possible all branches of our Church should unite in celebrating that great event in order to impress upon the public that, whatever minor differences may exist, the Church is one in faith and in upholding the principles for which the great Reformation stands.

Therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that on Reformation Day, 1917, there be general celebrations in every centre where there are several Lutheran congregations, embracing mass meetings of all Lutherans, at which the best talent of the Church as there represented set forth the great principles involved in the Reformation through which we have attained our civil and religious liberty.

Resolved, That on the Sunday succeeding Oct. 31, Nov. 5, 1917, there be a special celebration in every congregation wherever possible as a fitting close to the great event.

Resolved, That we memorialize the officers of the General Council that they impress upon the Jubilee Committee the great importance of the general celebrations on Reformation Day (if possible) in all the Lutheran centres of our land, to which the meeting of the General Council the previous September would give the proper impetus.

4. That a Lutheran Church paper may be found in every Lutheran home, we urge our pastors and people to make efforts to increase the subscriptions to *The Lutheran*, *The Home Missionary* and *The Foreign Missionary*, and to distribute such other literature as will make our people familiar with the history, the tenets and the work of the Lutheran Church, and will impress them with the inheritance received from the Lutheran Reformation.

5. Saturday, September 23, being the anniversary day of the organization of our Synod, we recommend, that, Sunday, September 24, of

this year, be made the anniversary Sunday, and that on this day our pastors especially present to their congregations the interesting history of our Synod and impress upon them its important work, and urgent needs.

6. We rejoice over the results of the canvass for \$50,000 endowment for Chicago Seminary, and we recommend the continuation of the work until every congregation of the Synod has been canvassed, and the desired amount secured.

7. With reference to the mission at Beloit, Wis., we recommend that Synod guarantee to said Mission the sum of \$1,800 whether as a gift or loan be determined by the Executive Committee on the conditions that the congregation raise an additional amount sufficient to liquidate the outstanding debts not covered by mortgage, and an additional loan of at least \$3,000 be secured from the Church Extension Society.

We recommend furthermore that the Executive Committee have this matter in charge, devise ways and means for procuring the \$1,800, and that the said fund shall be turned over to the congregation, only after the above mentioned conditions have been met.

8. We thank God and rejoice that Synod was able to ordain two young men for the Holy Ministry. They are the sons of Lutheran Ministers. It is a second time that Synod has ordained a son of one of its pioneers. We urge all our pastors constantly to keep before their people the great need of consecrated young men for the ministry.

JOHN SANDER,
H. K. GEBHART,
W. C. STUMP,
G. KELLER RUBRECHT,
W. S. ULRICH,
O. H. ADLER,
C. MORTENSON,
L. A. ANDERSON.

Report was adopted as amended.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES.

The Committee has examined the Reports of the Conferences, and finds that a commendable activity is manifest in the work in our Synod both East and West.

The Central Conference took action memorialising Synod with respect to a Church Lot fund, which, with similar resolutions was referred by this body to a special committee.

The Wisconsin Conference requests of Synod that the action taken last year with respect to the enlarging of the Conference Home Mission Committee be reconsidered.

Resolved, That Conference Mission Committees for information and consultation be appointed on the plan which governed last year and that the whole matter of the organization and sphere of Conference Mission Committees be referred to the Executive Committee to consider and report at the next Synodical Convention.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Women's Home and Foreign Missions Societies of the Synod be again printed as an appendix to the Minutes.

There has also been placed into our hands the minutes of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Central Conference.

G. H. TRABERT,
WM. F. BACHER,
F. E. COOPER,
B. E. ENGREN,
ANTON JOHNSON.

The report was adopted as amended.

Rev. Wm. F. Bacher presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOT EXTENSION FUND.

Your Committee appointed last year to present a plan for the creation and maintenance of a Lot Extension Fund for use on the territory of our Synod, begs to report as follows:

1. In response to the request of the English Board of Home Missions that Synod reconsider its action of last year relative to a Lot Extension Fund, we submit the following, viz., that it is not the purpose of our Synod to antagonize any existing plans or principles but to make special provision to meet emergencies that arise in the prosecution of Church Extension work on our territory.

2. We recommend that the funds and securities now on hand or which shall hereafter be secured for a Synodical Lot Extension Fund be turned over to the Board of English Home Missions as trustee to be by said Board held inviolate for use on our territory alone and to be loaned as directed by the Home Mission Board of this Synod.

3. Your Committee further reports that it cannot endorse the plan proposed by the Central Conference for the creation of such a fund but recommends that the money needed in specific cases be secured by private solicitation.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. F. BACHER,
W. P. CHRISTY,
FERD C. SATTLER.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Synod now apportion the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of creating a Lot Extension Fund.

This resolution was tabled.

Synod adjourned with prayer by The Rev. A. James Haupt.

The President pronounced the benediction.

SEVENTH SESSION

June 23, 1916, 2 P. M.

The Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. A. James Haupt.

Calling of the roll was dispensed with and the Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The discussion on the Report of Committee on Lot Extension Fund was continued and adopted as amended.

Rev. L. W. Steckel read the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHICAGO SEMINARY.

The 25th Scholastic year of the seminary closed with a good record. With the exception of the sixth year, the past one registered the largest attendance in the history of the Institution, sixty-one students. This is six more than last year. The prospects are good for an increase of new students.

For the first time the five theological chairs have been filled by men who gave their entire time to their departments. Our new professor, Dr. Stump, gives splendid satisfaction and feels very much at home in his work. A new house for his use is now being erected on the grounds.

During the first week of October the seminary will celebrate the TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY of its founding. A Committee of the Board and the Faculty is preparing a suitable program. The Board requests the Synods to set aside Sunday, October first, 1916, as SEMINARY DAY, and to present the Seminary's appeal and cause to the Church.

The ENDOWMENT FUNDS have grown to commendable proportions, as the appending table shows.

SYNOD OF NORTHWEST, 1915-1916.

	CURRENT EXPENSES.	Endowment.			Total
		Cash.	Pledge.	Notes.	
Minnesota.	Cash.				
*Albert Lea	\$29.89				\$29.89
*Cannon Falls					
*Duluth					
*Farmington	9.56				9.56
*Goodhue	23.91				23.91
*Lakeville	14.35				14.35
*Lindstrom	5.00				5.00
Minneapolis—					
Holy Communion ...	33.47			\$500.00	\$533.47
Holy Trinity....	41.84	\$32.00	\$7.00		80.84
Redeemer	38.25	96.00	199.00	700.00	1,033.25
Salem	98.50	57.50	85.00	400.00	641.00
St. John's	115.48	155.00	125.00	1,400.00	1,795.48
St. Mark's	43.83			1,700.00	1,743.83
*North St. Paul	34.15				34.15
Red Wing	56.76	26.49	40.00	1,050.00	1,173.25
*Richfield	9.56			100.00	109.56
St. Paul—					
*Reformation	96.11	23.89			120.00
Trinity	54.75	60.43			115.18
*Faith	24.13				24.13
*Stacy	10.04				10.04
*Zumbrota	6.38				6.38
North Dakota.					
*Fargo	\$25.00				\$25.00
Wisconsin—					
*Appleton					
*Beloit					
*Cedarburg					
Janesville	50.21	\$829.00	\$144.00	\$7,900.00	\$8,923.21
Kenosha	44.95	19.05	102.50	900.00	1,066.50
*La Crosse	511.82				511.82
*Madison	28.69				28.69
*Middleton	9.56				9.56

Milwaukee—					
*Epiphany	95.95	.....	.....	.....	95.95
*Lake Park	34.91	.....	.....	.....	34.91
*Redeemer	122.80	1,000.00	.....	.....	1,122.80
*Reformation	89.90	.....	.....	.....	89.90
*Resurrection	9.80	.....	.....	.....	9.80
*Neenah	10.00	.....	.....	.....	10.00
*Oshkosh	29.89	.....	.....	.....	29.89
*Platteville	58.00	.....	.....	.....	58.00
Racine—					
Holy Communion ..	116.91	186.00	125.00	4,000.00	4,427.91
*Atonement	30.81	.....	.....	.....	30.81
*Superior	18.00	.....	.....	.....	18.00
Waterloo	17.69	71.19	.....	.....	88.88
*Marshall	2.50	.....	.....	.....	2.50
Montana—					
*Livingston .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Winnipeg	40.00	.....	.....	.....	40.00
	\$2,093.35	\$2,556.55	\$827.50	\$18,650.00	\$24,127.40

* Congregations marked (*) have not been or were only partially canvassed.

The committee calls the attention of the pastors of Synod to the revised Post graduate Course offered by the Seminary and urges the pastors to avail themselves of this opportunity.

The committee recommends the setting aside by the churches of Synod of Sunday, October 1, 1916, as Seminary Day according to the request of the Seminary Board.

The Committee urges the Pastors to co-operate with the General Secretary of the Seminary in completing the canvass in the Synod of the Northwest for the \$50,000 Endowment Fund.

L. W. STECKEL,
LUTHER B. DECK,
E. O. HOFFMEISTER,
B. J. HOLMES,
A. J. SOMMER.

The report was adopted and ordered spread on the Minutes.

The Special Committee on Resolutions reported the following:

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father, in His good providence, has called from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant, our worthy co-

worker in the Kingdom, the Rev. Frank Warren Klingensmith, therefore be it resolved:

1. That we express our keen sense of loss in his early demise, when the years of service before him might normally have been many and the value of his labors in our beloved Church incalculable.
2. That we record our appreciation of his sterling qualities as a Christian gentleman and of his recognized ability as a scholar and pastor.
3. That we commend the bereaved family to Him Whom their husband and father so nobly served, Who alone can heal the wounded heart and calm the sorrowing soul.

L. FRANKLIN GRUBER,
WM. F. BACHER.

Whereas, By a mysterious Divine dispensation the heavy hand of affliction has been laid upon our dear brother, the Rev. James F. Beates, in the early summons home of his beloved wife, therefore,

Resolved, That we extend to our worthy co-laborer our sincere sympathy in his deep bereavement.

Resolved, That we devoutly commend Brother Beates to Him Who doeth all things well for them that love Him,—to Him Who when He has stricken, can also heal,—to Him Who has promised to give us strength to bear our burdens and to give peace to the troubled spirit.

L. FRANKLIN GRUBER,
WM. F. BACHER.

The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote and the Secretary was instructed to convey the same to the members of the families concerned.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary send a night letter to the Rev. C. L. Fry, D. D., Secretary of the Church Extension Society, in regard to the matter of the Church at Beloit, Wisconsin.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Statistical and Parochial Reports, include two additional columns for organization; first, indicating the number of officers; second, the number of teachers in the Sunday School of the Congregation in the Synod.

Dr. Frick read the

REPORT OF THE DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL, AT ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

September 9-14, 1915.

Rock Island and Moline, contiguous cities, with Augustana College and Theological Seminary and Augustana Publication House, constitute the heart of the great Swedish Augustana Synod. The thirty-fifth convention was numerically the greatest and, despite our fears, a spirit of loyalty and brotherly love prevailed.

This Synod had a delegation of four clergymen and two laymen present. The former officers were re-elected. The body now composes 1,730 ministers and 2,599 congregation and 494,501 communicants, holding Church property to the value of thirty-five million dollars.

1. Responding to the masterful report of President Schmauk, the General Council lamented "the tribulations, and manifold sorrows" of the great European War, and expressed "profoundest sympathy with our brethren in the faith irrespective of nationality, who are affected by the great conflict."

2. Regarding general movements in the Christian world which have arisen in the last few years looking to the drawing together of the whole Christian Church on earth, such as the movement of a free Protestantism towards a united foreign mission objective, the Federation of Churches, and other movements of a similar character, we recommend, that, while we cannot at this time organically participate, it is well nevertheless to keep fully informed as to their trend, direction, and development.

3. Concerning Lutheran Federation it expressed the hope that efforts will be continued which will lead to a satisfactory relation between Lutheran bodies of this country.

4. It appointed a commission on United States Army and Navy Chaplains to see that our Church is properly represented. Our Rev. Howard E. Snyder is chairman.

5. A committee was elected "to examine the relation of the Boards of the General Council to other than Lutheran bodies," and that meanwhile all Boards are requested "to refrain from such co-operation with non-Lutheran bodies as will in any wise conflict with the fundamental principle of the General Council."

6. The Board of Foreign Missions was bereft, by death, of the inspiring leadership of the great scholar and divine, the Rev. Edward T. Horn, D.D., LL.D., and the work in India of the services of that laborious veteran, the Rev. H. E. Isaacson, D.D., nevertheless steady advance is noted in India, Burmah and Japan. The Council calls upon

the Church to celebrate in connection with the quadri-centennial the seventy-fifth anniversary of the departure for India of Father Heyer, the pioneer American missionary in India. And also authorized special offerings for the relief of the German Missions in India and Africa, whose work has been crippled by the war.

7. The Board of English Home Missions reported that the unification plan has been accepted by the last two Synods. During the biennium 18 new missions were established, 14 became self-sustaining and 114 served by 87 Missionaries, and comprising 8,645 communicants, were supported at an expense of \$100,000. The Women's Missionary Society of the General Council now send a representative to the annual meeting of the Board. Mrs. George H. Schnur, formerly of our Synod, was the first representative. Rev. M. J. Bieber was promoted to the position of Eastern District Superintendent. The Field Missionary force is to be much augmented.

8. Hereafter all Boards are to have their accounts properly audited before presentation to the General Council.

9. The capital of the Church Extension Society totalled \$275,500. The Society has been requested to amend their by-laws so that each co-operating Synod may be represented by an accredited visitor at its various meetings, who shall also receive a transcript of its minutes, etc.

10. A charter was adopted for the Porto Rico Board changing its title to "The Board of Missions for Porto Rico and Latin America." Receipts, \$30,857.

11. The Slav Mission Board again reported a widespread work, conducted with marvelous energy, \$26,800 receipts and \$6,700 deficit. The new corporate title is "The Slav and Hungarian Mission Board," etc.

12. A committee was charged to consider carefully the question of the proper method of co-ordinating the work of the Boards.

13. The Council heartily favored Bible reading in the public schools and would have all Synods and Congregations fully alive to the importance of the religious education of the young.

14. The German Home Mission Board had 26 Missions. It drew a lamentable picture of the war's affect on Kropp Seminary and Western Canadian Missions. Silent prayer was offered "for our suffering Lutheran brethren in the lands of stress and strife." The Seamen's Mission has been peculiarly helpful to Lutheran seamen at this time stranded in American ports.

15. The Lutheran Graded Sunday School Series has now entered upon the twentieth year of its youth. Negotiations are pending with the General Synod and the joint Synod of Ohio for joint Sunday School literature.

16. The most far-reaching and delicate question arising at this con-

vention was the revision of the General Council's Constitution, proposed by the Augustana Synod. With great unanimity and good feeling a large and representative committee of thirty-three was appointed, with President Schmauk as chairman, to report in 1917.

17. The Executive Committee was instructed so to arrange the work of the next convention that the great question, problem, and causes of the Church predominate, and that minor business transactions be referred to committee sessions.

18. Quadri-Centennial Committee reported that the Joint Committee was acting through three sub-committees: (a) On Finance; (b) on Public Committees; (c) on Literature and Publicity. The plans proposed enlisted great interest and enthusiasm.

19. The Council will hold Semi-Centennial Convention in October, 1917, in the historic Zion German Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, the cradle of American Lutheranism, when will be celebrated the one hundred and fifth anniversary of the arrival in America of the Patriarch Muhlenburg.

20. Chicago having made a strong effort to secure the 1917 convention, a second Reformation Festival was proposed for Chicago. A committee of ten was authorized to meet with the General Synod in Chicago in 1917, any joint action unanimously adopted by that body and this Committee to be binding.

21. The Committee of Jubilee Fund outlined its plans for the raising of funds by the various Missions, Church Extensions and Educational Boards of the General Council. A special offering is to be made on Reformation Sunday, 1917, to establish a Memorial Fund.

22. On the Finance Committee's Report, \$484,100 was apportioned for all objects, the following being our Synod apportionment for the biennium:

Foreign Missions	\$5,600.00
Home Missions, English	7,000.00
Home Missions, German	270.00
Home Missions, Slav	700.00
Porto Rico Missions	1,868.00
Jewish Missions	300.00
Kropp Commission	50.00
University Student Work	1,000.00
General Council Treasury	320.00

\$17,108.00

Or \$8,554 per annum.

23. The Publication Board issued 4,047,500 copies of Sunday School publications and 5,018,250 copies of Church papers, besides over 200,000 volumes of English and German publications, constituting a business of over \$250,000 for the biennium.

24. The Arbitration Committee, which adjusts any Home Missionary misunderstanding between the General Council and the General Synod, was continued.

25. An elaborate Inner Mission was accepted for the discussion of the Synods, and the Inner Mission Committee was instructed to co-operate with similar other Lutheran bodies in holding Inner Mission conferences.

26. The Church Book Committee announced the glorious consummation of the work jointly undertaken by several bodies, to-wit: "The common service book and hymnal, awaiting but a few authorized editorial touches before publication.

27. The Committee on Religious Work in Universities was authorized to engage an itinerant University Student Pastor, and the concentration of all work under one central committee was recommended. The Board of Education and the above committee were instructed to appoint committees of conference in a possible merger.

28. The Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht was requested to prepare for the 1917 convention, a map showing Synodical lines. Mr. Geo. Hemsing was appointed statistician. A committee was appointed to take up the matter of the 1919 meeting on the Pacific coast.

29. Synodical delegations were instructed to draw particular attention to the resolution of Council, which accounts for this lengthy report.

MATTERS CALLING FOR ACTION.

1. P. 31. The Plan for Ministerial Pensions is to be presented to Synods in 1916, with permission to put it into force at once. Has such plan been received?

2. P. 141. The appointment by each Synod co-operating with the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society of a representative, to attend its meetings and receive its minutes, etc.

3. P. 211. That Synods omit special financial efforts during the current biennium.

4. P. 216. That Synod prepare an efficient financial plan, and urge its adoption by all their Congregations, so that they may install the duplex envelope system and make a yearly "every member canvass."

5. P. 218. On each Synod is urged the importance of adopting and paying the full amount of its apportionment during the coming biennium.

6. P. 217. The plan of employing special secretaries to work in the financial interest of general causes was referred to Synod for consideration.

7. P. 261. The substitution of "Catholic" for "Christian" in the Creed.

8. P. 285. Another Parochial Report Blank was recommended to Synod, as suggested for securing uniform statistics.

9. P. 293. The committee appointed to report a type of method of special evangelism in harmony with the word of God and our confessions, said committee to confer with similar committees in the different Synods and report its findings as a basis of discussion in Synod and Conferences.

A. F. ELMQUIST,
W. K. FRICK,
F. E. COOPER,
J. K. JENSEN,
WM. F. BACHER,
L. A. ANDERSON,
A. U. MAYLAND.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the report be received and the items demanding an immediate action be now considered and that the other items be referred to the Conference for consideration, the same to be disposed of at our next annual meeting.

Item No. I. No action required.

Item No. II. Action already taken.

Item No. III. Adopted.

Item No. IV. Adopted.

Item No. V. Adopted.

Item No. VI. Referred to the next meeting of Synod.

Under Item No. VII. It was resolved that it is the sense of this Synod that the wording of the Creed remain unchanged.

Item No. VIII. Referred to the Committee on Statistics.

Item No. IX. It was Resolved, that a Committee on True Evangelism be appointed.

Report was adopted as a whole.

On motion, it was

Resolved, First, that 2,800 copies of the minutes be printed and that they be distributed pro rata to the congregations of Synod.

Second, that the Secretary reserve 50 copies of the minutes annually for use at the Synodical convention.

Greetings were read by the President from the following:

The Rev. M. E. Boulton, President of the Pacific Synod, the Rev. G. H. Schnur, Official Delegate from the Pittsburgh Synod; Rev. H. A. Weller, of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and Rev. J. A. Leas, of Portland, Oregon.

It was

Resolved, By a rising vote, that we do now express our heartfelt gratitude to the Pastor and people of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, Wis., for the generous hospitality shown to Synod, both in their beautiful new sanctuary and their homes, and that we request the Pastor to present these resolutions to the Congregation, at the next public service.

Rev. H. C. Rex read the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ABSENTEES AND EXCUSES.

Your Committee reports as follows:

We recommend the following be excused: Pastors—Rev. L. F. Gruber, Tuesday; Dr. W. K. Frick and Rev. Cooper, Wednesday afternoon; Revs. Wm. Eckkert and H. E. Snyder, Thursday and Friday; Rev. J. J. S. Rumbarger, Friday; Rev. Charles Grant, Friday afternoon; Revs. C. J. Rockey and C. C. Roth, all sessions.

Lay Delegates—Messrs. L. A. Anderson, Geo. Hemsing and H. E. Samuelson, Thursday and Friday; Messrs. O. W. Bergstrom, Frank Burg, Nels Johnson and B. J. Stecker, Friday; Messrs. Otto Rydell, J. A. Hallberg, S. B. Peck, Edgar Johnson, Jas. Nelson, E. T. Spangler and A. Solberg, all sessions.

P. E. BAISLER,
CHAS. GRANT,
H. C. REX,
BERNARD STECKER,
W. H. CLEMENT.

Rev. W. C. Stump read the report of the Committee on Protocol and Printed Minutes.

Report was adopted and ordered placed on Protocol.

On motion, by Mr. Krafve, it was

Resolved, By the Synod of the Northwest in council assembled, that it requests its Pastors,—the members of this body,—to lay before the members of their congregations the facts that many of our Lutherans neglect their opportunities and great privileges of keeping in touch with, or joining themselves to a Lutheran Church when coming to any of the big cities. Be it therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod call the attention of its pastors to these deplorable conditions, and that they acquaint the members of their congregations of it, and that we as Lutheran Church members do all in our

power in this coming jubilee year, and that every one of us at least bring one erring brother or sister into the fold of our beloved Church."

On motion of Dr. Frick, it was

Resolved, That the arrears that appear in the Treasurer's Report be omitted from the printed minutes.

The President announced the Special and Standing Committees for the year. (See Directory of Synod.)

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the special Committee on Seminary Professorship be discontinued.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Organizing a Home Finding Association for the Wisconsin Conference be referred to the Wisconsin Conference.

Resolved, That the special Committee on Synodical Edition of "*The Lutheran*," be discontinued.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the standing resolution pertaining to the printed minutes of Synod, as found page 70 of the 1915 minutes, be printed in this year's minutes.

The Minutes of this session were read and approved.

After the singing of Hymn 274, the President closed the Convention according to the Order for closing of Synod.

"Unto the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and power, before all time, and now, and forevermore, Amen."

—L. W. STECKEL, Secretary

Minutes of the Ministerium

Wednesday, June 21, 1916, 11:30 A. M.

The Ministerium was called to order by the President.

The Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., offered Prayer.

The Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D., presented the

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Examining Committee held a colloquium with three ordained ministers, the Rev. W. A. Zundel, Rev. H. E. Snyder, and Rev. A. O. Soholm, and also examined two applicants for ordination, Alexander James Haupt and Jonas Hoke Dressler.

The Rev. W. A. Zundel comes to us with a transfer from the Pittsburgh Synod, having accepted a call to Montana, where he is for the present serving the congregation at Livingston. We recommend him for reception into the Ministerium.

The Rev. Howard E. Snyder was a member of the Synod of New York and New England, from which he has a transfer to our body, having accepted a call to the Luther Memorial Church, and also as University Student Pastor at Madison, Wis. We recommend him for reception into the Ministerium.

The Rev. A. O. Soholm, a member of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, has been called to Holy Trinity Church, Superior, which call was ratified by the Board of English Home Missions of the General Council. Inasmuch as his dismissal from the Danish Synod has not yet arrived, although we are informed that it was granted, we recommend that the Synod authorize the enrollment of his name as soon as the President of the Synod is assured of his regular dismissal.

We recommend that the candidates, Alexander James Haupt and Jonas Hoke Dressler, having given satisfactory evidence of their fitness for the office of the ministry in the Lutheran Church, be admitted upon ordination.

G. H. TRABERT,
W. K. FRICK,
H. K. GEBHART,
JAS. I. BEATES,
JOHN SANNDER,
WM. F. BACHER.

The report was considered by items and the applicants recommended for reception into Synod.

Adjourned with Prayer by Rev. H. K. Gebhart.

Benediction by the President.

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Revs. F. E. Cooper, J. J. Clemens, W. S. Ulrich.

Statistical Tables

ITEMIZED TRAVELING EXPENSE REPORT.

CONGREGATIONS		Clergy	Lay	Total Traveling Expense	Total, Plus 10 Per Cent.	Amount Apportioned	Amount Due Synod	Amount Due Congregation
MINNESOTA								
1	Albert Lea.....Salem	\$18.04	\$18.04	\$36.08	\$39.69	\$14.60		\$21.48
2	Cannon Falls.....First					8.50	\$8.50	
3	Duluth.....St. John's	11.72		11.72	12.89	15.00	3.28	
4	Farmington.....St. Luke's	14.48		14.48	15.93	4.20		10.28
5	Goodhue.....St. Luke's					10.00	10.00	
6	Lakeville.....St. John's		15.06	15.06	16.57	7.00		8.06
7	Lindstrom.....Trinity	14.40		14.40	15.84	17.00	2.60	
8	Minneapolis, Holy Commun'n	13.86		13.86	15.25	14.00	.14	
9	Minneapolis, Holy Trinity	13.86		13.86	15.25	17.50	3.64	
10	Minneapolis.....Redeemer					17.90	17.90	
11	Minneapolis.....St. James	13.86		13.86	15.25	4.00		9.86
12	Minneapolis.....St. John's	13.86	13.86	27.72	30.49	43.40	15.68	
13	Minneapolis.....St. Mark's	13.86		13.86	15.25	24.60	10.74	
14	Minneapolis.....Salem	13.86	13.86	27.72	30.49	40.00	12.28	
15	Moorhead.....First	19.96	23.16	43.12	47.43	3.90		39.22
16	North St. Paul..St. Mark's		13.54	13.54	14.89	8.50		5.04
17	Red Wing.....St. Paul's		14.28	14.28	15.71	25.20	10.92	
18	Richfield.....Ev. Luth.	13.86	13.86	27.72	30.49	9.00		18.72
19	St. Paul.....Faith	13.34		13.34	14.67	9.00		4.34
20	St. Paul.....Holy Trinity	13.34		13.34	14.67	24.60	11.26	
21	St. Paul.....Reformation	13.34	13.34	26.68	29.35	40.50	13.82	
22	Stacy.....St. John's		14.80	14.80	16.28	4.20		10.60
23	Zumbrota.....Redeemer	15.42	15.42	30.84	33.92	8.00		22.84
MONTANA								
24	Livingston.....Redeemer	42.64		42.64	46.90	2.50		40.14
NORTH DAKOTA								
25	Fargo.....St. Mark's	23.00	22.16	45.16	49.68	26.60		18.56
26	Glenburn.....Trinity	37.90	37.90	75.80	83.38	3.00		72.80
WISCONSIN								
27	Appleton.....Trinity		.70	.70	.77	1.50	.80	
28	Beloit.....Atonement		4.70	4.70	5.17	5.20	.50	
29	Cedarburg.....Advent					8.00	8.00	
30	Janesville.....St. Peter's	4.67	4.67	9.34	10.27	25.00	15.66	
31	Kenosha.....Grace	4.60		4.60	5.06	20.20	15.60	
32	La Crosse.....Holy Trinity	8.00		8.00	8.80	20.60	12.60	
33	Madison...Luther Memorial	4.24	4.24	8.48	9.33	17.50	9.02	
34	Marshall.....Holy Trinity		3.28	3.28	3.61	4.50	1.22	
35	Middleton.....First					4.00	4.00	
36	Milwaukee.....Epiphany	3.20	3.20	6.40	7.04	52.50	46.10	
37	Milwaukee.....Lake Park	3.20	3.20	6.40	7.04	17.50	11.10	
38	Milwaukee.....Redeemer	3.20	3.20	6.40	7.04	43.00	36.60	
39	Milwaukee.....Reformation	3.20	3.20	6.40	7.04	40.90	34.50	
40	Milwaukee.....Resurrection	3.20		3.20	3.52	4.60	1.40	
41	Neenah.....St. Paul's	.50	.50	1.00	1.10	7.00	6.00	
42	Oshkosh.....St. John's							
43	Platteville.....First	9.06	9.06	18.12	19.93	17.60		.52
44	Racine.....Atonement	4.12	4.12	8.24	9.06	19.80	11.56	
45	Racine.....Holy Communion	4.12	4.12	8.24	9.06	40.10	31.86	
46	Superior.....Holy Trinity	11.52		11.52	12.67	9.90		1.62
47	Waterloo.....St. Paul's	3.16	3.16	6.32	6.95	8.00	1.68	
CANADA								
48	Winnipeg.....First	35.00		35.00	38.50	9.00		26.00
Totals.....		\$439.59	\$280.63	\$720.22	\$792.23	\$779.10	\$368.96	\$310.08

APPORTIONMENT TABLE—1916-1917

CONGREGATION		Members in Good Standing	Current Expenses	Delegates' Traveling Expenses	Chicago Seminary	Ministerial Education	Luther Memorial Madison	Deficit Fund	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Porto Rico Missions	Slav Missions	Inner Missions	Jewish Missions	German Home Missions	Church Extension	University Student Work	Totals
MINNESOTA																		
1	Albert Lea	146	\$10.29	\$8.50	\$34.02	\$9.20	\$5.55	\$14.60	\$64.39	\$47.89	\$11.10	\$6.44	\$5.55	\$2.78	\$1.85	\$17.54	\$9.20	\$240.40
2	Cannon Falls	85	5.99	3.28	19.81	5.36	3.23	8.50	37.49	27.88	6.46	3.75	3.23	1.62	1.08	10.21	5.36	148.47
3	Duluth	150	10.58	3.28	34.95	9.45	5.70	15.00	66.15	49.20	11.40	6.62	5.70	2.85	1.90	18.02	9.45	250.25
4	Farmington	142	2.96	10.00	23.30	6.30	3.80	10.00	44.10	32.80	7.60	4.41	1.60	1.90	1.27	12.01	6.30	174.64
5	Goodhue	100	7.05	10.00	16.31	4.41	2.66	7.00	30.87	22.96	5.32	3.09	2.66	1.33	.89	8.41	4.41	115.26
6	Lakeville	70	4.94	2.60	39.61	10.71	6.46	17.00	74.97	55.76	12.92	7.50	6.46	3.23	2.15	20.42	10.71	282.49
7	Lindstrom	170	11.99	14	32.62	8.82	5.32	14.00	61.74	45.92	10.64	6.17	5.32	2.66	1.77	16.81	8.82	230.62
8	Minneapolis	140	9.87	3.64	40.78	11.03	6.65	17.50	77.18	57.40	13.30	7.72	6.65	3.33	2.22	21.02	11.03	291.79
9	Minneapolis	175	12.34	17.90	41.71	11.28	6.80	17.90	78.94	58.71	13.60	7.89	6.80	3.40	2.27	21.49	11.28	312.59
10	Minneapolis	179	12.62	17.90	41.71	11.28	6.80	17.90	78.94	58.71	13.60	7.89	6.80	3.40	2.27	21.49	11.28	312.59
11	Minneapolis	40	2.82	15.68	9.32	2.52	1.52	4.00	17.64	13.12	3.04	1.76	1.52	.76	.51	4.80	2.52	65.85
12	Minneapolis	434	30.60	15.68	101.12	27.34	16.49	43.40	191.39	142.35	32.98	19.14	16.49	8.25	5.50	52.12	27.34	730.19
13	Minneapolis	246	17.34	10.74	57.32	15.50	9.35	24.60	108.49	80.69	18.70	10.85	9.35	4.68	3.12	29.55	15.50	415.78
14	Minneapolis	400	28.20	12.28	93.20	25.20	15.20	40.00	176.40	131.20	30.40	17.64	15.20	7.60	5.07	48.04	25.20	670.83
15	Moorhead	39	2.75	10.92	9.09	2.46	1.48	3.90	17.20	12.79	2.96	1.72	1.48	.74	.49	4.68	2.46	64.20
16	North St. Paul	85	5.99	10.92	19.81	5.36	3.23	8.50	37.49	27.88	6.46	3.75	3.23	1.62	1.08	10.21	5.36	139.97
17	Red Wing	252	17.77	10.92	58.72	15.88	9.58	25.20	111.13	82.66	19.16	11.11	9.58	4.79	3.19	33.27	15.88	425.84
18	Richfield	90	6.35	11.26	20.97	5.67	3.42	9.00	39.69	29.52	6.84	3.97	3.42	1.71	1.14	10.81	5.67	148.18
19	St. Paul	90	6.35	11.26	20.97	5.67	3.42	9.00	39.69	29.52	6.84	3.97	3.42	1.71	1.14	10.81	5.67	148.18
20	St. Paul	246	17.34	11.26	57.32	15.50	9.35	24.60	108.49	80.69	18.70	10.85	9.35	4.68	3.12	29.55	15.50	416.30
21	St. Paul	405	28.55	13.82	94.37	25.52	15.39	40.50	178.61	132.84	30.78	17.86	15.39	7.70	5.13	48.64	25.52	680.62
22	Stacy	42	2.96	15.60	9.79	2.65	1.60	4.20	18.52	13.78	3.20	1.85	1.60	.80	.53	5.05	2.65	69.18
23	Zumbrota	80	5.64	12.60	18.64	5.04	3.04	8.00	35.28	26.24	6.08	3.53	3.04	1.52	1.01	9.61	5.04	131.71
MONTANA																		
24	Livingston	25	1.76	.....	5.83	1.58	.95	2.50	11.03	8.20	1.90	1.10	.95	.48	.32	3.00	1.58	41.18
NORTH DAKOTA																		
25	Fargo	266	18.75	.....	61.98	16.76	10.11	26.60	117.31	87.25	20.22	11.73	10.11	5.06	3.37	31.95	16.76	437.96
26	Glenburn	30	2.12	.....	6.99	1.89	1.14	3.00	13.23	9.84	2.28	1.32	1.14	.57	.38	3.60	1.89	49.39
WISCONSIN																		
27	Appleton	15	1.06	.80	3.50	.95	.57	1.50	6.62	4.92	1.14	.66	.57	.29	.19	1.80	.95	25.52
28	Beloit	52	3.67	.50	12.12	3.28	1.98	5.20	22.93	17.06	3.96	2.29	1.98	.99	.66	6.25	3.28	86.15
29	Cedarburg	80	5.64	8.00	18.64	5.04	3.04	8.00	35.28	26.24	6.08	3.53	3.04	1.52	1.01	9.61	5.04	139.71
30	Janesville	250	17.63	15.66	58.30	15.75	9.50	25.00	110.25	82.00	19.00	11.03	9.50	4.75	3.17	30.03	15.75	427.32
31	Kenosha	202	14.24	15.60	47.07	12.73	7.68	20.20	89.08	66.26	15.36	8.91	7.68	3.84	2.56	24.27	12.73	348.21
32	La Crosse	206	14.52	12.60	48.00	12.98	7.83	20.60	90.85	67.57	15.66	9.09	7.83	3.92	2.61	24.75	12.98	351.79

33	Madison.....	Luther Memorial	175	12.34	9.02	40.78	11.03	6.65	17.50	77.18	57.40	13.30	7.72	6.65	3.33	2.22	21.02	11.03	297.17
34	Marshall.....	Holy Trinity	45	3.17	1.22	10.49	2.84	1.71	4.50	19.85	14.76	3.42	1.99	1.71	.86	.57	5.41	2.84	75.34
35	Middleton.....	First	40	2.82	4.00	9.32	2.52	1.52	4.00	17.64	13.12	3.04	1.76	1.52	.76	.51	4.80	2.52	69.85
36	Milwaukee.....	Epiphany	525	37.01	46.10	122.33	33.08	19.95	52.50	231.53	172.20	39.90	22.15	19.95	9.98	6.65	62.05	33.08	908.46
37	Milwaukee.....	Lake Park	175	12.34	11.10	40.78	11.03	6.65	17.50	77.18	57.40	13.30	7.72	6.65	3.33	2.22	21.02	11.03	299.25
38	Milwaukee.....	Redeemer	430	30.32	36.60	100.19	27.09	16.34	43.00	189.73	141.04	32.68	18.97	16.34	8.17	5.45	51.65	27.09	744.66
39	Milwaukee.....	Reformation	409	28.83	34.50	95.30	25.77	15.54	40.90	180.37	134.15	31.08	18.04	15.54	7.77	5.18	49.12	25.77	707.86
40	Milwaukee.....	Resurrection	46	3.24	1.40	10.72	2.90	1.75	4.60	20.29	15.09	3.50	2.03	1.75	.88	.58	5.53	2.90	77.16
41	Neenah.....	St. Paul's	70	4.94	6.00	16.31	4.41	2.66	7.00	30.87	22.96	5.32	3.09	2.66	1.33	.89	8.41	4.41	121.26
42	Oshkosh.....	St. John's	155	10.93	.....	36.12	9.77	5.89	15.50	68.36	50.84	11.78	6.84	5.89	2.95	1.96	18.62	9.77	255.22
43	Platteville.....	First	176	12.41	.....	41.01	11.09	6.69	17.60	77.62	57.73	13.38	7.76	6.69	3.35	2.23	21.14	11.09	289.79
44	Racine.....	Atonement	198	13.96	11.56	46.13	12.47	7.52	19.80	87.32	64.94	15.04	8.73	7.52	3.76	2.51	23.77	12.47	337.50
45	Racine.....	Holy Communion	401	28.27	31.86	93.43	25.26	15.24	40.10	176.84	131.53	30.48	17.68	15.24	7.62	5.08	48.16	25.26	692.05
46	Superior.....	Holy Trinity	99	6.98	.....	23.07	6.24	3.76	9.90	43.66	32.47	7.52	4.37	3.76	1.88	1.25	11.89	6.24	162.99
47	Waterloo.....	St. Paul's	80	5.64	1.68	18.64	5.04	3.04	8.00	35.28	26.24	6.08	3.53	3.04	1.52	1.01	9.61	5.04	133.39
CANADA																			
48	Winnipeg.....	First	90	6.35	.....	20.97	5.67	3.42	9.00	39.69	29.52	6.84	3.97	3.42	1.71	1.14	10.81	5.67	148.18
Totals				\$560.23	\$368.96	\$1851.56	\$500.69	\$301.97	\$794.60	\$3504.36	\$2606.31	\$603.94	\$349.45	\$301.97	\$151.08	\$100.68	\$953.39	\$500.69	13449.88

PAROCHIAL REPORT—MEMBERSHIP

Index No.	CONGREGATIONS Names and Locations	PASTORS Names and Addresses	When Organized	Catechumens	Students for Ministry	Number Communed	Members in Good Standing	Confirmed Members	Baptized Members	Infant Baptisms	ACCESSIONS					LOSSES			NET		
											Adult Baptisms	Confirma- tions	From Luth. Congregations	Renewal of Faith	Restoration	Death	Transfer	Otherwise		Loss	Gain
MINNESOTA																					
1	Albert Lea, Salem, 309 W. Clark St.	L. W. Steckel, lock box 140	1907	18	1	126	146	174	353	13	3	10	1	10		1	2	14		7	2
2	Cannon Falls, First English	M. H. Wichman	1900	12		65	85	124	179	3		6	6		2					10	2
3	Duluth, St. John's, Lake Av. N. and 3rd		1890	17		118	150	225	352	3	3	15	2	2		1	3			18	3
4	Farmington, St. Luke's	H. C. Rex, 426 12th Av. E.	1914	2		50	42	62	99	11	1	23		48		1		9		62	4
5	Goodhue, St. Luke's	Willis Beck, Zumbrota	1897	9		80	100	141	226	7		9	2			1	12		2		5
6	Lakeville, St. John's	J. J. Clemens	1914	3		71	70	91	161		2	46		65		1		21		91	6
7	Lindstrom, Trinity	John Sander, L. H. D.	1901	17	1	170	170	255	430	14		17	4	3		1		16		7	7
8	Minneapolis, Holy Communion, 41st Av. and 32d St.	Homer L. Bosserman, 3037 39th Av. S.	1909	35		125	140	170	400	14	1	25	2	13				25		16	8
9	Holy Trinity, 29th Av. S. and 29th St.	J. S. Albert, 2837 30th Av. S.	1905	35		218	175	351	685	34	2	32	2	6		3	4	30		5	9
10	Redeemer, Western and Irving Aves.	C. J. Rocky, 402 Irving Av. N.	1909	42		179	179	252	516	20	4		1	13		1	2	9		6	10
11	St. John's, Chicago Av. and 17th St.	A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D., 1517 Portland Av.	1883	19		365	434	525	825	25	1	19	13	30		9	35	52	33		11
12	St. Mark's, Lyndale Av. and 23d Av. N.	W. P. Christy, 615 23d Av. N.	1902	47		228	246	402	694	16	4	5	6	7			5	82	65		12
13	Salem, Garfield Av. and W. 28th St.	George H. Trabert, D. D., 610 W. 28th St.	1890	34		386	400	623	853	32	3	22	10	30	6	3	18	37		13	13
14	North St. Paul, St. Mark's	Charles L. Grant, 474 Aurora Av., St. Paul	1890	13		107	85	191	285	13		13	4	5		1	2	4		15	14
15	Red Wing, St. Paul's, West Av.	Carl C. Roth, 629 W. 4th St.	1886	35	1	298	252	461	662	23	2	25	11	10		7	3	6		32	15
16	Richfield, Richfield	A. James Haupt, 58th and Pillsbury Av., Minneapolis	1915	20		92	90	119	180	10	1	20	30	68						119	16
17	St. Paul, Faith, Mackubin and Charles St.	Charles L. Grant, 474 Aurora Av.	1914	32		126	90	189	409	46	3	32	5	38		2	4	21		51	17
18	Holy Trinity, Ada and Robie Sts.	James F. Beates, 138 E. Winnifred St.	1886	54		303	246	390	665	11	3	33	2	3	4	2	1	31		11	18
19	Reformation, Oxford St. and Laurel Av.	L. Franklin Gruber, 1213 Hague Av.	1883	23		402	405	551	775	20	2	16	3	25	3	9	13	55	28		19
20	Stacy, St. John's	Supplied	1904	19		55	42	77	99	1		19						11		8	20
21	Zumbrota, Redeemer	Willis Beck	1905	18		75	80	151	201	10		17	9							26	21
MONTANA																					
22	Livingston, Redeemer	W. A. Zundel, 624 W. Lewis St.	1906			15	25	39	65							1		10		11	22

23	NORTH DAKOTA W. F. Bacher, 714 4th Av. N. and 8th St.	1887	34	249	266	469	761	29	1	14	6	7	4	20	423
24	WISCONSIN Appleton, Trinity	1915	...	20	15	15	36	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	15 24
25	Beloit, Atonement, Harrison and Clark	1905	...	48	52	182	300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
26	Cedarburg, Advent	1904	9	86	80	94	151	...	4	1	6	...	...	...	11 26
27	Janesville, St. Peter's, Jackson and Center	1903	40	310	250	357	681	8	1	25	1	16	1	3	39 27
28	Kenosha, Grace, 802 Prairie Av.	1901	70	281	202	395	711	34	5	46	22	2	2	1	49 28
29	La Crosse, Holy Trinity, West and Ferry	1898	60	163	206	253	347	21	6	38	10	4	...	...	53 29
30	Madison, Luther Memorial, University	1907	16	160	175	189	309	...	10	16	11	4	...	...	24 30
31	Marshall, Holy Trinity	1913	5	19	45	61	85	2	1	...	1	...	6	11	31
32	Middleton, First English	1908	...	...	40	44	75	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
33	Milwaukee, Epiphany, 2d and Clarke Sts.	1905	84	1 473	525	655	1255	47	6	89	1	25	2	12	87 33
34	Lake Park, Park Pl. and Stowell Av.	1911	12	2 157	175	175	230	9	4	12	9	18	...	...	28 34
35	Redeemer, 19th and Grand Av.	1890	32	...	400	430	643	761	13	4	17	7	...	...	12 35
36	Reformation, 35th and Elm St.	1908	40	1 412	409	476	980	...	4	41	38	11	3	2	32
37	Resurrection, 26th and Auer Av.	1914	9	42	46	60	138	6	...	10	9	45	...	...	36
38	Neenah-Menasha, St. Paul's	1912	26	1 110	70	135	249	20	1	20	24	5	...	...	60 37
39	Oshkosh, St. John's, Wisconsin and Union	1907	26	...	130	155	237	457	13	2	23	30	3	3	41 38
40	Platteville, First, 4th and Mineral	1902	16	176	176	288	448	8	...	10	3	9	3	2	49 39
41	Racine, Atonement, Wright and Quincy	1909	20	183	198	319	614	23	...	23	2	7	...	...	22 40
42	Holy Communion, Wash. and 10th	1898	72	1 400	401	665	1135	32	6	45	25	...	2	...	30 41
43	Superior, Holy Trinity, John and 18th	1905	45	116	99	192	487	23	7	38	...	8	3	3	45 42
44	Waterloo, St. Paul's, Wash. and Madison	1906	36	136	80	142	210	8	2	26	5	18	1	...	31 43
45	Afton, Holy Trinity	1908	...	...	...	20	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48 44
46	CANADA Winnipeg, First English, Maryland and Ellice	1905	12	89	90	186	370	9	...	4	1	20	...	12	48 45
	Totals for 1916	1168	10 7814	7837	11815	19934	632	99	902	294	294	620	21	81	13 46
	Totals for 1915	1088	6 7441	7504	10921	18556	663	61	717	211	211	442	50	53	974
	Decrease	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Increase	80	4	373	333	974	1378	...	38	185	83	178	29	16	...

Note—Reports for Congregations received into Synod in 1915.—Numbers 4, 6, 16, 24 and 37,—include figures from the time of their organization.
 *Error carried from former year (80 deducted from 4915).

CONGREGATIONAL				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS										TOTAL AND AVERAGE							
Index No.	Value of Property			Total for Objects	SYNODICAL						GENERAL COUNCIL								Grand Total	Average per Member	
	Current Expenses	Extraordi- nary Expenses			Synodical Expenses	Traveling Expenses	Ministerial Relief Fund	Chicago Seminary	Ministerial Education	Inner Missions	Home Missions	Church Extension	Foreign Missions	Porto Rico Missions	Slav Missions	*University Student Work	German Home Missions	Jewish Missions			Other Benevolence
Minnesota																					
1	\$3,500	\$1766.71	\$153.00	\$1919.71	\$9.38	\$14.79	\$29.89	\$3.30	\$3.30	\$58.03	\$14.94	\$21.55	\$8.34	\$4.17	\$16.68	\$1.74	\$2.43	\$4.46	\$193.00	\$2112.71	\$14.77
2	5,500	606.28		606.28	20.03	4.00				53.00		10.00							87.03	693.31	8.15
3	10,000	1878.26	117.44	1995.70	11.03		15.00		3.51	36.04		30.00	6.00	4.90			2.86		112.52	2108.22	14.05
4		564.76		564.76	3.00		9.56	1.06	1.06	18.57	4.78	6.89	2.67	1.33	2.66	.56		53.50	106.82	671.58	15.99
5	3,000	700.00	800.00	1500.00	7.50	4.00	23.91	2.64	2.64	46.43	11.95	17.24	6.67	3.34	13.34	1.39	1.95		143.00	1643.00	16.43
6	3,000	779.22	869.50	1648.72	4.50	3.78	14.35	4.00	1.59	27.86	7.17	10.34	4.00	2.00	4.00	.83	1.17	89.15	176.33	1825.05	26.07
7	9,000	1280.00	1288.08	2568.08	12.39	6.59	12.00	4.36	2.00	76.60	3.40	28.44	11.01	1.00	5.00	1.00	1.00		169.79	2737.87	16.10
8	7,000	1407.30	590.00	1997.30	10.51	8.82	11.00	33.47	3.70	65.00	16.73	24.13	9.34	4.67	18.68	1.95			260.80	2258.10	16.11
9	4,700	1748.32	412.05	2160.37	13.14	11.02	18.25	41.84	4.62	91.24	20.92	35.16	16.68	5.84	23.36	2.43	3.40	86.73	381.25	2541.62	14.52
10	5,000	1833.38	131.85	1965.23	12.01	10.08	17.49	38.25	4.22	74.28	19.13	27.58	10.68	5.34	21.36	2.22	3.11	83.39	333.36	2298.59	12.84
11	25,000	3203.21	1476.76	4679.97	36.25	34.00	115.48	12.76	12.76	224.24	57.73	83.25	32.23	16.11	64.45	6.71	9.40	100.00	805.37	5485.34	12.64
12	14,000	2246.50	1403.00	3649.50	23.57	19.78	27.68	43.83	8.29	180.78	37.54	59.12	23.95	10.48	41.90	4.36	6.11	22.00	517.68	4167.18	16.94
13	48,000	2567.90	383.00	2950.90	30.92	25.95	29.50	98.50	10.88	191.28	49.25	107.00	27.49	13.74	54.87	5.73	8.02	45.00	709.01	3659.91	9.00
14	3,785	763.29	648.05	1411.34	6.00	5.04	7.63	19.13	2.11	37.14	9.56	13.79	5.34	2.67	10.68	1.11	1.56	20.81	144.68	1556.02	19.36
15	4,500	1979.54	612.00	2591.54	17.78	10.65	56.67	6.26	6.26	110.04	28.33	40.85	15.81	7.90	31.62	3.29	4.62	57.25	397.33	2988.87	11.86
16	6,000	411.86	2490.95	2902.81	3.00	2.52	5.00	109.56	1.06	87.56	4.78	6.89	4.67	1.33	5.34	.56		78.41	275.54	3178.35	35.31
17	10,000	758.57	2238.58	2997.15	6.00	5.04	7.58	19.13	2.11	37.14	9.56	13.79	5.34	2.67	10.68	1.11	1.56	50.24	174.06	3171.21	35.23
18	4,500	2154.23		2154.23	17.19	22.82	21.33	103.17	6.05	228.9											

27	17,300	2320.53	1480.45	3800.98	15.76	.....	14.50	879.21	5.55	5.55	97.49	31.01	36.20	14.01	7.01	28.02	2.92	4.08	121.32	1262.63	5063.61	20.25
28	20,000	1779.19	500.00	2279.19	14.11	.....	.....	44.95	4.97	4.97	87.28	22.47	32.41	17.54	6.27	25.08	2.61	3.66	122.00	278.32	2557.51	12.66
29	13,250	1690.35	1060.00	2750.35	12.46	4.39	.....	39.69	4.38	4.38	77.06	19.84	28.61	11.08	5.54	22.16	2.31	3.23	42.00	277.13	3027.48	14.70
30	35,500	1302.78	.....	1302.78	10.00	2.21	.....	28.69	3.17	3.17	55.71	14.34	50.68	8.01	4.00	16.02	1.67	2.34	60.84	229.85	1532.63	8.93
31	6,000	300.00	.....	300.00	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50	302.50	7.05
32	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	2.53	.....	9.56	.....	.....	18.57	4.78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38.44	96.32	
33	33,000	3529.12	682.39	4211.51	38.02	3.31	22.50	105.95	12.81	12.81	325.17	57.98	83.59	32.36	16.18	64.72	6.74	9.44	129.48	921.06	5132.57	9.78
34	40,000	2425.81	600.00	3025.81	10.96	.....	24.25	34.91	3.86	3.86	281.90	17.45	58.08	17.74	9.87	19.48	2.03	2.84	17.75	540.38	3566.19	20.38
35	39,000	2818.81	4339.81	7158.62	32.28	27.24	34.32	102.80	11.36	11.36	199.63	51.40	101.11	28.69	14.34	78.69	5.98	8.37	268.35	975.92	8134.54	18.91
36	46,000	5400.65	1800.00	7200.65	28.22	.....	.....	89.90	9.94	9.94	174.56	44.94	64.82	25.08	12.54	50.16	5.22	7.32	403.00	925.64	8126.29	19.87
37	5,400	146.18	754.30	900.48	3.08	.....	.....	9.80	1.08	1.08	19.03	4.90	7.06	2.74	1.37	5.48	.....	.....	.....	56.99	957.47	20.81
38	24,500	1058.82	.....	1058.82	2.15	.....	5.00	10.00	.....	.....	27.86	7.17	10.34	4.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	69.35	1128.17	16.11
39	27,209	1800.23	1405.15	3205.38	9.38	.....	.....	29.89	3.30	3.30	78.03	14.94	6.00	4.00	4.17	3.12	1.00	2.43	.....	157.26	3362.64	21.70
40	7,000	1334.95	238.50	1573.45	10.81	.....	.....	58.00	1.22	3.80	82.47	36.76	18.48	8.82	9.90	6.15	1.27	.....	15.00	253.58	1827.03	10.38
41	24,500	1826.57	452.50	2279.07	17.34	.....	.....	24.66	2.15	2.10	37.50	9.00	12.00	5.00	2.50	10.25	1.00	1.50	6.30	131.30	2410.37	12.17
42	16,000	4663.88	.....	4663.88	36.70	1.72	.....	116.91	12.91	12.91	227.02	58.46	84.28	32.63	14.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	600.00	5263.88	13.13
43	9,500	716.10	646.07	1362.17	8.86	6.42	12.00	18.00	.....	.....	67.05	14.10	25.00	10.60	2.00	4.00	.....	.....	.....	170.03	1532.20	15.47
44	10,500	1600.00	1000.00	2600.00	11.35	.....	.....	17.69	1.95	1.95	34.37	.....	12.75	.....	.....	9.94	.....	.....	12.25	102.25	2702.25	33.78
45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45
46	45,000	1763.43	975.20	2738.63	6.75	.....	.....	21.52	2.38	2.38	41.79	10.76	15.51	6.00	3.00	12.00	1.25	1.76	20.00	145.10	2883.73	32.04
Totals,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1916	\$784,644	71382.36	34903.73	106286.09	583.18	224.03	401.47	2546.03	178.79	202.63	3991.58	861.98	1378.71	483.38	221.66	758.94	86.92	125.28	1946.16	13991.74	120277.83	15.35
1915	\$693,635	62020.52	62730.75	124751.27	519.84	442.54	382.29	1804.96	153.10	150.31	2994.11	752.06	1282.93	413.59	191.62	838.43	75.29	112.44	1028.62	11142.13	135893.40	18.11
Dec.	.....	.....	27827.02	18465.18	.....	218.51	.....	.....	.....	.....	997.47	109.92	95.78	69.79	30.04	79.49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Inc.	\$91,009	9361.84	.....	.....	63.34	.....	19.18	741.07	25.69	52.32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.63	12.84	917.54	2849.61	15615.57	2.76

*This column includes Contributions for Luther Memorial Church, Madison. For separation, see Treasurer's Report, page 22.

PAROCHIAL REPORT-ORGANIZATIONS

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28 Kenosha.....	Grace	374	228	486.31	57.54	102	61	747.41	35.00	23	181	103.05	26	14	38.83	28
29 La Crosse.....	Holy Trinity	220	133	356.14	31.71	48	20	111.90	127.00	42	20					29
30 Madison.....	Luther Memorial	120	85			30	20									30
31 Marshall.....	Holy Trinity	25	15			25	16	100.00								31
32 Middleton.....	First English															32
33 Milwaukee.....	Epiphany	650	344	839.19	30.00	50	30	326.09	50.00	50	40	30.00	25	20	25.00	33
34 Lake Park.....	Lake Park	176	125	255.99	46.57	72	39	388.30	118.87	20	12		25	20		34
35 Redeemer.....	Redeemer	200	118	405.99	84.00	60	34	66.05	202.35	25	15	185.00				35
36 Reformation.....	Reformation	350	270	250.00	250.00	85	70	250.00	100.00				50	30	1800.00	36
37 Resurrection.....	Resurrection	145	107	145.00		18	12	112.00		8	5	5.00	11	8	12.00	37
38 Neenah-Menasha.....	St. Paul's	160	86	250.00	25.00	36	30	200.00	8.00	34	20	85.00				38
39 Oshkosh.....	St. John's	220	86	177.25		23	18	341.51	23.00	18	17	75.00				39
40 Platteville.....	First	140	78	142.21	49.44	65	40	350.32	51.67							40
41 Racine.....	Atonement	375	229	418.91	50.00	90	44	309.61	81.30	46	30	20.40	42	16	30.65	41
42 Holy Communion.....	Holy Communion	400	325	337.93	200.00	150	95	230.51	117.82	80	75	25.00	20	10	20.62	42
43 Superior.....	Holy Trinity	200	110	115.96	21.65	53	32	561.09	42.87							43
44 Waterloo.....	St. Paul's	110	65	71.00	8.00	35	25	388.00		27	20	221.00				44
45 Afton.....	Holy Trinity															45
CANADA																
46 Winnipeg.....	First English	158	52	99.06	32.00	20	16	143.00	25.70	40	18	90.80				46
Totals for 1916.....		8,362	5,000	7154.71	1892.07	2,066	1,219	11418.47	2307.82	1,340	868	2502.69	350	208	2309.54	175.00
Totals for 1915.....		7,886	4,625	6838.72	1651.82	2,037	1,295	11804.34	1867.84	1,264	915	1702.82	405	248	794.91	95.00
Decrease.....							76	385.87			47	799.87	55	40	1514.63	80.00
Increase.....		476	375	315.99	240.25	29		439.98								

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETIES OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.

The seventh annual convention of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of the Wisconsin Conference, Synod of the Northwest, was held at Waterloo, Wis., in St. Paul's Lutheran Church on October 13th and (evening only) 14th, 1915, Rev. E. T. Finck, Pastor.

Thirty-five delegates representing eighteen churches and five officers were present.

The Society at Middleton, Wis., known as the Women's Guild, was admitted into the Conference.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Societies	18
Membership	556
"Mission Worker"	287
"Mission Tidings"	12
"Monthly Programs"	125
Missionary Study Classes.....	9

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—Oct. 15, 1914, to Oct. 15, 1915.....	\$825.35
Disbursements—Oct. 15, 1914, to Oct. 15, 1915.....	465.17
Total	\$360.18
Receipts at Conference	54.46
Balance on Hand, Oct. 15, 1915.....	\$414.64
Home Missions	\$338.56
Church Extension	33.75
Slavok Missions	40.70
Italian Missions	33.43
Inner Missions	107.58
Porto Rico	21.00
{ India	71.00
Foreign { China	6.00
{ Japan	74.72
Hospital and Medical Fund.....	30.50
India Laces	55.96
Post Cards	36.00

Life Memberships	35.00
Annual Dues	50.00
Total Contributions	\$934.20

PROGRAM.

At the evening meeting Oct. 13, 1915, a group of women delegates gave:

"A Verdict by the Ladies of the Jury."

Oct. 14, 1915, readings as follows:

"Why Be Interested in Mission," by Mrs. R. A. Kremer, Oshkosh.

"Giving in Tithes and Tithes," Mrs. Greenwalt, LaCrosse.

"What's Come Over Murray," Mrs. R. Muscheild, La Crosse.

Dialogue—"Uncle Sam's Little Children," by Waterloo Sunday School children.

The following business was transacted:

Pledge \$25.00 to the Rest Bungalow, Kotagiri Hills, India.

Pledge \$5.00 toward the fund to be raised for Miss Schade in recognition of her twenty-five years of service in foreign fields.

Resolutions:

That the name of this Conference body be changed from Eastern to Wisconsin Conference.

That an "Advisory Board" be created consisting of Past Presidents.

That we pay our proportion to the 1917 quadri-centennial fund.

OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

President—Mrs. Frank Hemsing, Milwaukee.

Vice Presidents { First—Mrs. A. F. Sperling, Milwaukee.
Second—Mrs. J. D. Knowlton, Waterloo.
Third—Mrs. E. F. Hanson, Oshkosh.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. E. Black, Milwaukee.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. G. Keller Rubrecht, Milwaukee.

Treasurer—Mrs. H. Schambow, Platteville.

ADVISORY BOARD.

Mrs. H. K. Gebhart, Kenosha, Wis.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mrs. W. K. Frick, Milwaukee, Wis.

Mrs. Jas. W. Maitland, Milwaukee, Wis.

Mrs. H. N. Porter, Beloit, Wis.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.

Literature—Mrs. A. C. Moeller, Milwaukee, Wis.

Life Members and "Memoriam"—Mrs. A. J. Sommer, Neenah, Wis.

Foreign and Medical Missions—Mrs. R. A. Muscheid, La Crosse.

Home Missions—Mrs. C. P. Weiskotten, Milwaukee, Wis.

Inner Missions—Mrs. E. C. Meske, Milwaukee, Wis.

Porto Rico—Mrs. T. W. Boyce, Milwaukee, Wis.

India Laces—Mrs. A. W. Bogk, Milwaukee, Wis.

Post Cards—Mrs. A. Mahlberg, Janesville, Wis.

Junior Work—Mrs. Fred Schuette, Cedarburg, Wis.

Slav Work—Mrs. J. K. Jensen, Janesville, Wis.

Mission Study Classes—Mrs. W. C. Stump, Oshkosh, Wis.

Missionary Exhibit—Mrs. R. Hokansen, Madison, Wis.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. E. BLACK,

Recording Secretary.

THE TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

The Tenth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Central Conference was held in Holy Trinity Church, Superior, Wis., Rev. W. H. Gable, Pastor, October 13-14, 1915.

Thirty-eight delegates representing eighteen societies were present. Program consisted of the following:

Junior Work (with demonstrations by children).

Addresses—"Home Missions" - - - - -	Rev. W. P. Christy
"Foreign Missions" - - - - -	Rev. H. L. Bosserman
"Home Missions" - - - - -	Mrs. G. H. Schnur
Paper—"Our Tenth Anniversary" - - - - -	Mrs. G. H. Trabert

STATISTICS.

Societies	24
Subscribers to the "Mission Worker".....	242
Number of "Monthly Topics" Purchased.....	45
Number of Mission Study Classes.....	5

Treasurer's report as follows:

EXPENSE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury October, 1914.....	\$85.19
Dues from Societies	52.00
From Missionary Exhibit and Post Cards.....	1.90
Total	\$139.09

DISBURSEMENTS.

Officers' Postage	\$12.77
Miss Esbohrn	5.00
Printing, Stationery, Incidentals.....	18.00
Railroad Fare of Delegate to Rock Island.....	15.00
Dues to General Council Society	5.00
Total	\$55.77
Balance in Treasury October 1st, 1914.....	\$83.32

GENERAL MISSIONARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury October 16th, 1915.....	\$434.33
Convention Offerings	43.70
For Porto Rico Parsonage.....	17.70
Salem, Albert Lea	37.32
Cannon Falls	25.00
St. John's, Duluth	24.75
St. Mark's, Fargo	35.60
St. Luke's, Farmington	22.00
St. Luke's, Goodhue	20.00
Trinity, Lindstrom	9.00
Redeemer, Livingston	2.75
St. John's, Stacy	8.00
Trinity, Superior	17.27
First, Winnipeg	5.00
Redeemer, Zumbrota .....	.....
St. Paul's, Red Wing	55.25
St. Mark's, North St. Paul.....	4.00
Reformation, St. Paul (Ladies' Aid).....	73.37
Reformation, St. Paul (Sewing Circle).....	9.00
Holy Trinity, St. Paul.....	64.50
Faith, St. Paul	12.00
Salem, Minneapolis	16.50
St. John's, Minneapolis.....	43.00
St. Mark's, Minneapolis	33.00
Holy Trinity, Minneapolis	23.00
Redeemer, Minneapolis	24.25
Holy Communion, Minneapolis	10.00
Richfield, Minneapolis	17.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$1,087.29</u>

ON SYNODICAL APPORTIONMENT.

RECEIPTS.

St. John's Duluth	\$32.25
St. Mark's, Fargo	30.00
Total on Apportionment	<u>\$62.25</u>
Grand Total Receipts	\$1,149.54

APPROPRIATIONS.

ON SYNODICAL APPORTIONMENT.

Home Missions	\$14.62
Foreign Missions	47.63
Total Paid on Apportionment.....	<u>\$62.25</u>

APPROPRIATIONS.

TO CREDIT OF SOCIETY.

Home Missions	\$300.00
Foreign Missions	100.00
Kotagiri Rest House	12.50
German India Missions	15.00
Porto Rico	50.00
Porto Rico Parsonage	20.70
Slav Missions	3.00
Minneapolis Hospice	5.00
Home Missions, Rev. Weiskotten	1.00
Inner Missions (Protestant League).....	25.66
Life Membership (Dr. Haupt)	10.00
Total	\$542.86
Balance in Treasury October, 1915.....	\$544.43

The following Recommendations were adopted:

1. That we encourage the work of Inner Missions.
2. That we encourage our Societies to help support the Slav Work and the Japan Missions.
3. That we urge our Missionary Societies to keep the young women of the parish informed of the need, opportunities and blessings of the work of the Deaconess.
4. That we recommend the Organization of a Woman's Missionary Study Class in every congregation.
5. That we urge every congregation as far as possible to organize a Junior Missionary Society.
6. That we again pledge \$50.00 to Porto-Rico.
7. That we again pledge \$100.00 to Foreign Missions.
8. That we keep before our Societies the responsibilities for the support of Miss Petrich during her preparation for Medical Mission Work.
9. That we again raise \$300.00 as our share towards the Women's General Council Field Missionary Fund.

The Ladies' Missionary Societies of St. John's Church, Lakeville, and Richfield Evangelical Lutheran Church were received into membership.

The Society voted \$10.00 to the Pacific Seminary.

Mrs. Schnur was made a Life Member of the General Council Society.

Resolutions on the death of Mrs. James F. Beates were passed by a rising vote.

OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

President—Mrs. L. F. Gruber, 1213 Hague Ave., St. Paul.

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Minneapolis.

Treasurer—Mrs. S. Stott, 818 Watson Ave., St. Paul.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. John Sander, Lindstrom, Minn.

MRS. LUTHER B. DECK,
Recording Secretary.

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